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Sir Paul Condon

last week

Lawrence inquiry to criticise Condon. So now will he go?

By KATHY MARKS

SIR PAUL CONDON, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. is personally criticised in the report of the Stephen Lawrence equiry, which will be handed to Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, today.

Scotland Yard sources say that Sir Paul, 51, who has pledged to resign if he is personally criticised, was forewarned in a letter last month from Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, the inquiry chairman.

The Commissioner had hoped to escape censure in the report, which attacks 23 other officers for their role in the failed murder investigation. But he has now been told hat, as far as Sir William is concerned, the buck stops with him as head of the organisation.

He is expected to be condemned principally for reassuring Stephen's parents, Neville and Doreen, that the investigation was being properly conducted, without taking steps to establish whether that was in fact the case.

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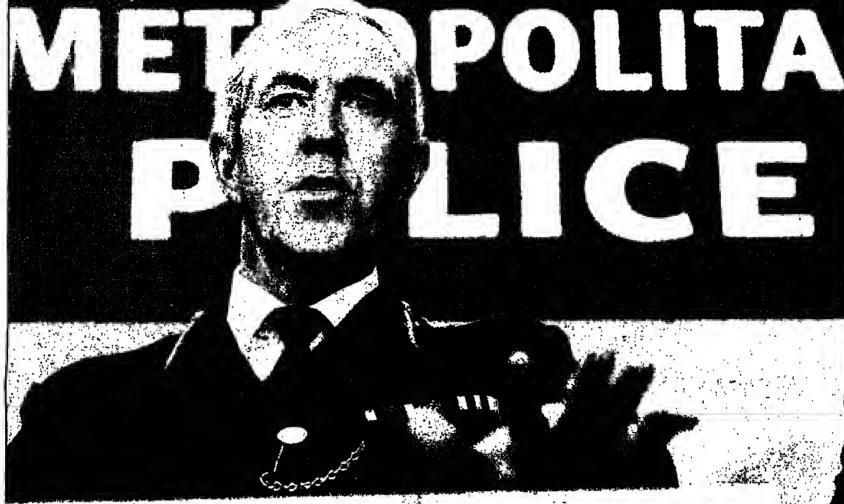
The 23 other police officers facing criticism - more than one-third of those who gave evidence to the public inquiry are named for the first time today by The Independent.

The inquiry report, which is to be published next week, will spark renewed calls for Sir Paul to resign. But if he is true to his word, he will go of his own

Last October, he told The Independent that he would step down if criticised. He has reiterated that promise several times since, telling an interviewer as recently as last week: "If I felt that anyone was saying that I had personally acted badly or dishonourably, then i wouldn't hesitate to go."

At the same time, though, he has been increasingly bullish of late, expressing his determination to remain in his job until his seven-year term expires

The criticism will please Sir Paul's enemies in the Home Office, who believe that the Metropolitan Police needs a new figurehead untarnished by the public relations disaster of the



Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, who is personally criticised in the report of the Stephen Lawrence inquiry

Barker's evidence to declare that it was damaging relations

Lawrence case. Others believe that Sir Paul, despite everything, is best equipped to preside over the radical reforms that are expected to flow from the recommendations in Sir

William's report.

As Commissioner of a force of 26,000 officers, he would normally have been able to argue that he could not possibly have an intimate knowledge of every criminal case and could not therefore be held responsible

for success or failure. But the Lawrence murder was different. In late 1953, many months after Stephen was stabbed to death in south Lon-

don, Sir Paul told the family via a letter to their solicitor that he had taken "a close personal interest in this case from the start". He assured the Lawrences that everything possible had been done to catch their son's racist killers, and re-

peated this when he met them in person the following year. Sir Paul apparently based these assertions on an internal review of the murder investigation conducted by one of his high-flying officers, Detective Chief Superintendent Roderick Barker. The review, which concluded that the investigation

and that all lines of inquiry had been correctly pursued, was cited for four years by highranking Met officers as proof that the Lawrences' concerns

were unjustified. The inquiry heard that, rather than rely on the advice of his aides, Sir Paul read and approved the Barker review himself. His judgement is thus expected to be criticised by the inquiry, on the basis that this bland document should have rung alarm belis and prompted

him to ask further questions. The review was dismissed as "indefensible" by Sir William. who interrupted Det Ch Supt

him an unreliable witness.

As well as giving false comfort to the Met, the review materially affected the success of subsequent attempts to reinvestigate the murder. In 1997, a Police Complaints Authority report identified dozens of missed opportunities and lines of inquiry. Had they been pointed out four years earlier, the killers might have been caught.

Sir Paul is also expected to he criticised for attacking the nublic inquiry in its early weeks, saying in a statement through his barrister, Jeremy Gompertz QC, that he feared

between the police and the

black community. He was questioned closely, when he appeared before the second part of the inquiry. about the grounds on which he had reassured the Lawrence family that all was well.

Sir William's report is likely to have concluded that institutional racism obstructed the murder investigation and that it also blights the Met - a view steadfastly resisted by Sir Paul. Sir Paul last night declined

to comment until the report is published next week.

The prospect of his resigna-

lends a certain symmetry to his would be "totally intolerant" of career as Commissioner. Sir racism. Now, race may have Paul, who was appointed a few proved his nemesis. weeks after Stephen was mur-The 23 who stand accused, dered, used his first public

tion over the Lawrence affair



Good Friday deal in danger of collapse

SINN FEIN warned yesterday that the Northern Ireland peace process would be plunged into "crisis" if it was barred from Belfast's new government be-cause the IRA had failed to decommission its weapons.

Senior republicans spoke out after the Irish Prime Minister, Bertie Ahern, appeared to back Unionist demands that Sinn Fein should not be allowed to take up seats on the proposed executive without progress in handing over arms. The Taioseach angered Sinn Fein when be said that membership of the province's 10-strong ruling body was "incompatible" with a lack progress on decommissioning. Mitchel McLaughlin, Sinn Fein chairman, said that moves

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tion of his party's joining government would mean "tearing up the Good Friday Agreement". The Sino Fein president, Gerry Adams, warned that "we are all of us in deep trouble" if the Irish and British governments accept the Unionist stance.

The continuing deadlock over decommissioning is certain to feature highly on the agenda when the Northern Ireland Assembly reconvenes today.

The assembly is due to discuss proposals from First Minister, David Trimble, and his deputy, Seamus Mallon, on the 10-member ruling executive and cross-border bodies. Under to make disarmament a condi- the Good Friday Agreement, wide-ranging powers are sched-uled to be transferred from Westminster to the Stormont-

had "progressed satisfactorily"

based executive on 10 March. While Unionists insist that Sinn Fein cannot take up its ministerial posts until there has been a start on an IRA weapons handover, republicans and nationalists point out that decommissioning was never a pre-condition for the estab-

lishment of the executive. Mr Ahern reignited the issue in a newspaper interview. "It is not compatible with being a part of a government and part of an executive if there is not at least a commencement of decommissioning," he said.

The Irish premier was later forced to clarify his remarks to stress that he did not want to



Ahern: remarks angered Sinn Fein leadership

block Sinn Fein's membership of the executive.

Mr Adams told BBC1's On the Record there was little point in his trying to persuade the IRA to start decommissioning now. "I would be laughed out of the room. The IRA feels that it has taken its guns out of commission - they are not being used and it has maintained a cessa-

INSIDE THE REVIEW

England job

Keegan: I want

KEVIN KEEGAN will take the England manager's job if the Football Association offers it, he said yesterday.

The Fulham manager had initially denied interest in the post left vacant by Glenn Hoddle, but he said he would talk to the FA if Mohamed al Fayed, who owns his west London club, gave permission.

Yesterday the Division Two eaders were knocked out of the FA Cup by Manchester United. Keegan said the growing speculation that he would succeed Hoddle was a big compliment. But he was sad that discussion of the England job

performance in its biggest match in three years. "Today gave me a real boost

had overshadowed Fulham's

emotion," he said. "On the other side, you have

that pull every Englishman should have if he's going to be a manager and your country comes along. Maybe you should jump at it and forget every-

Keegan made his name as a player with Liverpool, then captained England. After years out of football, he returned amid a blaze of publicity to manage Newcastle United.

Other names are still in the running. Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain, backed Terry Venables to return as the England coach.

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Mo Mowlam may replace Cunningham

BY PAUL WAUGH Political Correspondent

JACK CUNNINGHAM, the beleaguered cabinet "enforcer", is likely to be replaced by the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, in a move aimed at improving the way the Government puts across its message to the voters.

Ms Mowlam is being lined up for the post by Tony Blair in a government reshuffle aimed at exploiting her huge public popularity.

The move follows concern that Mr Cunningham has been damaged by the "drip-drip" effect of allegations about Coucorde trips and spending, and his performance defending the Government's policy on genetically modified food. Although the Northern Ireland Secretary is currently beavily involved in the peace process, it is expected that she will be free to move in a summer reshuffle.

Downing Street hopes that hy July the new Northern Ireland Executive will be running, and that a new Secretary of State can step in to take over

Tony Blair was tempted to promote Ms Mowlam last sumed to see the peace process through to the creation this March of the Ulster executive outlined in the Good Friday Agreement.

She was also determined to steer the process through its most difficult hours after the Omagh bombing last year. With the latest difficulties on decommissioning, she is keen that nothing deflects her from the task at hand.

The 49-year-old MP for Redcar is seen by party strategists

Noon today



Mo Mowlam (above) is



as one of Labour's most "voter mer, but she insisted she want- friendly" assets and will rep-Her promotion prospects

were boosted last year when she presented a party political hroadcast that resulted in a record number of membership applications for Labour

She is also likely to take over a bigger role in campaign co-ordination once this year's round of elections to the European Parliament, local councils. Welsh Assembly and Scottish Parliament are over.

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Her appointment as a party figurehead will mark the Government's determination to hold on to its big lead over the Conservatives as it focuses on the "delivery stage" in the runup to the general election.

Mr Cunningham was moved from Agriculture to his Cabinet Office job to sort out ministerial disputes and "knock heads together". But his number two. Mr Blair's close friend Lord Falconer of Thoroton, has done most of the work co-ordinating Whitehall departments. Mr Cunningham, who was a

Labour minister in the 1970s, was brought in as an experieoced operator capable of batting on "several wickets" at once, but he has not been judged a success in the role.

Downing Street believes he has done a competent job, but wants someone with more flair who is more readily associated with Labour's future rather than its past.

Ministers are also irritated that civil servants are continuing to leak details about Mr Cunningham to the press, a fact that was highlighted yester-day when it was revealed that he had moved an aide who objected to his use of taxpayers'

Neil Whitney, who worked within the minister's office, was moved after protesting that Mr Cunningham ordered up to six bottles of Macallan malt whisky at once for his

drinks cabinet. More seriously, he has been dogged with complaints about his use of luxury hotels and Concorde, disclosures believed to have been leaked by the staff of his successor at Agri-

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culture, Nick Brown. GM foods row, page 5



The murder scene in the village of Freeland, where the bodies of Joan and Martin Lawrie were found

Couple battered to death

A QUIET COUPLE in their 70s, BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE Joan and Martin Lawrie, were AND LINUS GREGORIADIS found battered to death in their village home early yesterday.

Police have refused to comment on mounting speculation that the deaths had been a murder and suicide.

"At this stage we just don't know what has happened," said a spokesman for Thames Valley Police. "We have not had the post-mortems so we cannot comment. We are treating both deaths as suspicious."

Mr Lawrie was in his back services, thinking he had colgarden, apparently having fall-

YESTERDAY

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stairs window. He had head injuries. Mrs Lawrie was in a downstairs living-room. She had severe head blows and injuries on her neck, possibly caused by a knife or saw. A claw hammer was found.

A neighbour in Freeland near Witney, Oxfordshire, had seen Mr Lawrielving in the garden and called the emergency

lapsed. Paramedics discovered

Mrs Lawrie. Police have sealed bours, a well established part off the £130,000 house, in of the village. The village is dev-Church View, for forensic sci-astated," he said. "They were

Mrs Lawrie taught at the and good people. The last time I saw Martin was on Thursday." local Church of England primary school before retiring 10 The Oxfordshire Yeoman, years ago. Both were members added: "Nothing like this has of the Methodist church. Mr Lawrie was a retired conever happened before around here. This kind of thing will struction worker. George Williams, who lives shatter Freeland."

opposite the Lawries, said he had known the couple since they moved to the village 35 years ago.

"They were very close neigh-

news which has devastated the "Martin and Joan were such lovely, wonderful people who gave their life to God, and we gather here, bemused, per-

lovely to chat to. They were nice

Paul Harding, landlord of

At the Methodist church in

the village about 20 villagers

gathered for a special service.

The Reverend Stainer Smith

told the congregation: "Today's

service will be shorter than

usual, due to the shattering

plexed and bereaved." The post-mortem examination results are expected today.

Danger patients held for life

BY PAUL WAUGH Political Correspondent

PEOPLE with potentially dangerous personality disorders may be locked up indefinitely under sweeping new powers to be announced by the Govern-

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, will outline plans to create a new system of detention of those individuals who currently fall outside the remit of the prison service and NHS. The move follows ministers'

concern over the case of Michael Stone, the psychologically disturbed man convicted of murdering Lin Russell and her daughter Megan. Mr Stone asked to be ad-

mitted to a psychiatric unit before the killings, but was: refused by doctors.

In a statement to the House of Commons, Mr Straw will announce that police and social workers will be able to apply to magistrates to have a person: assessed if there are reasonable grounds to believe they pose a danger to society.

The proposals will allow for people to be detained even if they have not been convicted of a violent offence - a suggestion; likely to provoke oppositions from civil liberties groups.

The "third service" detention centres will offer counselling and therapy, but the Govern-

ment is determined to ensure those who have untreatable disorders do not roam the streets. People with non-treatable personality disorders slip

through the net between hospital, where they can only be detained if deemed "treatable", and prison, where they can only be held for the duration of their sentence.

The problem was highlighted by the case of Stone and paedophiles such as Robert Oliver; who had to be released from jail even though he was considered a public danger.

Up to 2,700 people deemed to be "walking time bombs" are expected to fall within the remit of the new system.

Civil liberty campaigners said that such individuals needed to be dealt with more effectively, but the Government's proposals were "deeply problematic" and could cost up to £40,000 a year per person.

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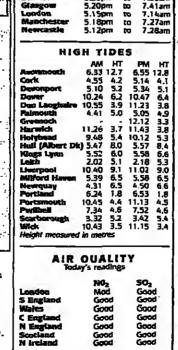
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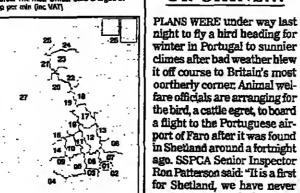
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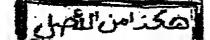
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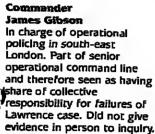
THE LAWRENCE INQUIRY =

Revealed: the 23 officers who stand accused of failing Stephen Lawrence



Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Osland Third most senior officer in

Metropolitan Police at time of murder, in charge of policing in south-east London. Commissioned discredited internal review of murder Investigation, Advised officers to sue Lawrence family for accusing them of racism. Retired July 1994. Now Conservative councillor in Croydon.



Now retired.



Detective Chief Superiotendent

High-flying officer regarded as the

"crème de la crème" by Paul Condon

and senior colleagues. Chosen to carry

disciplinary charges for neglect of duty

if he had not retired (October 1997).

out the internal review of the murder

investigation now viewed as a

whitewash. Would have faced

Detective Superintendent

Took over from Det Sup lan Crampton

remained in charge for 18 months, Did

year. Told the inquiry he was confused

about the legal grounds for arresting suspects. Would have faced

If he had not retired (in July 1994).

Detective Constable

Officer on murder squad.

Took statements from

occupants of red Astra,

known local racists, seen

driving past murder scene

witnesses and informants,

also dealt with Mr Brooks.

of girlfriend of Gary

Dobson, one of five

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Recovered knife from house

suspects. Retired in 1996 to

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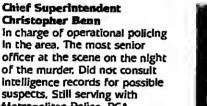
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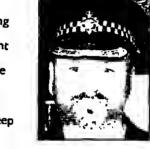
Roderick Barker

Chief Superintendent John Philpot

In charge of uniformed officers on division where Stephen was murdered. Had set up racial incidents unit at Plumstead, the station that initially dealt with murder. Took over responsibility for family liaison after breakdown of relations between Lawrences and two lialson officers. Retired December 1994.



officer at the scene on the night of the murder, Did not consult intelligence records for possible suspects, Still serving with Metropolitan Police, PCA écommended he should get a verbal warning for falling to keep a log of events at the scene,



Chief Inspector Jonathan McIvor

Late senior duty officer in area on night of murder. Went briefly to scene; was mainly concerned about public order implications of murder. Told inquiry that he was satisfied that intensive search of area carried out. Now superintendent in Royal Ulster Constabulary, in charge of police training college.

Detective Sergeant

One of two detectives

Lawrence family. Told

inquiry that family

taken over by anti-

racist groups. Denied

offhand; said family

Doubted whether the

motivated. Still serving.

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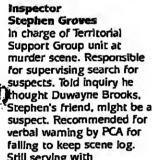
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John Bevan



Still serving with Metropolitan Police, based at Westminster. **Detective Constable** Christopher Budgen Appointed to murder squad from Area Major Investigation Pool. Part of team that arrested Jamie Acourt, one of suspects, and present

at his Interview.

that suspects hid

weapons under

floorboards. Still ckham.

Received Information

Detective Constable Robert Crane Exhibits officer with murder squad. Accused at Inquiry of falling to store property a bloodstained tissue found in area the day after Stephen's murder. **Expressed doubts** about whether killing was racially motivated. Still in Metropolitan Police.



Constable loanne Smith Arrived at murder scene shortly after Bethel and Gleason. Did not examine Stephen. Told inquiry she was more concerned to calm Mr Brooks, who

she said was abusive and hostile. Took him to hospital in her car. Married to Gleason, Left

Modern commissioner dogged by the race issue

garded as the embodiment of a new, modern style of policing when he was appointed Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in 1993. The youngest commissioner

this century, he has established reputation as a reformer durhis period in charge of 2000 officers, the largest force in the country. But his career bas been

beset by controversy, particularly over racially sensitive cases. It was during his stewardship that Joy Gardner, an illegal Jamaican immigrant, died of asphyxiation during a raid by officers seeking to deport her in 1993.

Two years later, there were riots in Brixton after Wayne Douglas died in a police station cell. Sir Paul also sparked public outrage when he stated in

SIR PAUL CONDON Was re- BY KATHY MARKS

1995 that the majority of muggers in London were black. More recently, the Met has

been criticised not only over the Stephen Lawrence case, but also for its investigation into the murder of the black musician Michael Menson. The case was so badly handled that his death was treated as suicide for a

Sir Paul, who grew up in a council house in Bournemouth, policing the Notting Hill Carwas an apprentice printer be-fore joining the Met. He often expresses pride about the fact marred it during the Eighties. that he started on the same day in 1967 as Norwell Robert, the force's first black officer

to the streets of the East End of London as a young beat ofhigh-fiyer, he won a scholarship to a 10-year low. He has also survive the next fortnight.

to St Peter's College, Oxford, launched a crusade against where he took an honours degree in jurisprudence. On his return to London, he

joined Scotland Yard's community relations branch and became staff officer to Sir Kenneth Newman, who was then the commissioner

came in 1988, when he was apmissioner in charge of west London, with responsibility for nival. He managed to rid the · carnival of the violence that had

After four years as Chief Constable of the Kent force, where he introduced perfor-His own career took him on mance targets, he returned to the Met as Commissioner.

ficer. Marked out early as a over, crime figures have fallen a miracle, he seems unlikely to

corrupt officers, setting up a special squad of detectives dedicated to rooting out dishonesty Sir Paul, who is married and

lives in Kent, has a reputation as something of a puritan. One of his first actions after becoming Commissioner was to Sir Paul's first big break convert the notorious "Tank" bar in the Scotland Yard basepointed Deputy Assistant Com- ment - the watering hole for generations of detectives - into a fitness centre.

Even his critics say that his reforming instincts are sincere and that his weaknesses relate to leadership rather than

Despite the battering that the force has received over the Lawrence case, Sir Paul is still regarded as one of the Met's In the six years since he took brightest and best. But, short of



Detective Chief Superintendent William Isley

Overall responsibility for supervising invesdgation. Also responsible for ensuring smooth handover from Det Supt Crampton to DI Bullock. Denied screwing up a list of suspects, given to him by Mrs Lawrence. Would have faced disciplinary charges for neglect of duty if not retired (In March 1995).



Detective inspector Benjamin Bullock

Detective Constable

One of two family flaison

officers. Lawrences say

she was patronising to

a woollen hat found

belonged to a gang.

Police, at Heathrow

Accused of starving the

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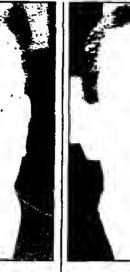
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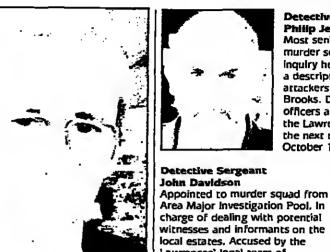
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Second-In-command of the investigation. The inquiry was told he reacted to an informant with Indifference. Only senior murder squad officer still serving. Facing a disciplinary tribunal on charges of serious incompetence and neglect of duty. After a public outcry, he deferred plans to retire in May.



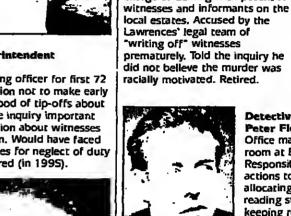
Acting Inspector lan Little

Was in charge of divisional uniformed officers at the scene. Was the senior officer on duty at hospital, where alleged to have been insensitive in dealings with the Lawrences, Recommended for verbal warning by PCA. Still with Metropolitan Police, now an Inspector based at Plumstead.



Detective Superintendent lan Crampton

Senior investigating officer for first 72 arrests despite flood of tip-offs about suspects. Told the inquiry important tips and information about witnesses never reached him. Would have faced If he had not retired (in 1995).



hours. Took decision not to make early disciplinary charges for neglect of duty



Detective Sergeant

Peter Flook

Philip Jeynes

October 1997.

Most senior detective at the

inquiry he was not aware of

a description of Stephen's

attackers given by Dwayne

Brooks. Did not talk to key

officers at the scene. Visited

the Lawrence family at home

the next morning. Retired

murder scene. Told the

Office manager in incident room at Eltham station. Responsible for identifying actions to be taken and allocating them, also for reading statements and keeping records up to date. Told inquiry was carrying out work of five sergeants. Retired July 1993.

Based at Plumstead, one of two uniformed officers first on murder scene. Alleged by Mr Brooks to have ignored Information he gave her and to have asked him if he was carrying a weapon. Did not administer first aid to or examine Stephen. Still serving in Metropolitan Police.



Constable Anthony Gleason Arrived at scene with PC Bethel, Did not administer

first aid to Stephen or locate wound. Was accused at Inquiry of falling to circulate a description of the attackers. Denied being insensitive towards Stephen's parents at the hospital. Still serving in Metropolitan Police.

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FA hunts out the soccer sex abusers

POLICE WILL screen all football By IAN BURRELL coaches and staff working with young players to drive paedophiles from professional

The Government is backing the plan, which will help to identify young players and fans who have been sexually abused. There have been fears that some coaches working with juniors bave exploited their positions of trust to prey on them.

The screening programme will include every club in the country. Even famous names such as Liam Brady and Steve Heighway, the heads of the football academies at Arsenal and Liverpool, will have to be checked.

As part of a new Child Safe programme, which is launched nationally in Bristol tomorrow, professional footballers are also to be given training in identifying abused young fans who may come to them or write to

The programme has been developed by Bristol Rovers Football Club and has the support of Tony Banks, the Sports minister, and the Football Association, which hopes it will be adopted by all clubs.

Peter Cates, the FA Premier League's education officer. said: "Football certainly is not complacent about this and is more than aware that any joh working with children offers opportunities to people whose motives might not be 100 per cent [honourable]."

has been concerned by a series young footballing talent. of cases involving the abuse of

Home Affairs Correspondent

coaches. Last November, Jim Torbett, the founder of Celtic Boys Cluh, which supplied young players to the famous Glasgow club, was jailed for two years for abusing three teenagers, including Alan Brazil, who later became a Scottish international.

Sheriff Margaret Gimblett told Torbett, a 51-year-old millionaire businessman: "These children were football-mad with stars in their eyes, and perhaps hoping to kick their way to the stars. You knew that, and you betrayed that trust."

Last June, Barry Bennell, 44, who was once employed by Crewe Alexandra and who had a close association with Stoke City and Manchester City in the 1980s, was jailed for nine years for preying on young players.

Chester Crown Court was told that from 1978 to 1992, Bennell talent-spotted hoys aged 9 to 14 around the Northwest and Midlands before selecting them for junior football

He would invite them to stay with him at his home or take them on tours to various places, including North Wales and Spain, where he sexually abused them.

The FA's response to the problem was developed by the caretaker Eogland coach Howard Wilkinson, who was asked by football bosses to draw up a Charter for Quality, The football establishment to help clubs to develop their

The charter, published last young players by professional April, included a commitment

to child protection. Next month. the FA will put this into practice by starting a training programme for all coaches working with young players at the Centres of Excellence and Football Academies that are now attached to professional

The scheme is principally aimed at helping coaches to identify abused youngsters and put them in contact with specialists from social services and the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. But coaches will also he asked to declare criminal convictions on self-certification forms, which will be subject to screening by police.

The FA hopes clubs will go even further and follow Bristol Rovers in adopting a Child Safe scheme, which has been drawn up on police advice. Bristol Rovers has appointed a child protection officer, former teacher Rod Wesson, to oversee the strategy.

Mr Wesson said: "We want to assure parents who allow their kids to come to us that we have done everything we can to provide them with a safe environment.

The scheme is jointly run with Avon and Somerset Police and has also been adopted by Bath Rugby Football Club and Gloucestershire County Crick-

David Niven, director of the charity Action on Child Exploitation, said: "We hope the big clubs will help this message to cascade down throughout the sports. Abuse can occur at all levels, from kick-abouts in the



park to Premier League clubs." Rod Wesson, child protection officer at Bristol Rovers, keeps an eye on Ryan Clarke, 17

Prices squad to reveal overcharging by shops

THE GOVERNMENT is to launch a new consumer unit to embarrass British retailers into cutting their prices by publishing regular figures showing that identical goods cost up to 50 per cent less in the rest of Europe.

The drive to give customers a better deal will be led by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTD in response to ministers' concerns that companies were making huge profits by overcharging.

Starting later this year, a sixmoothly league table will be printed comparing prices of everything from cars and computers to supermarket foods and clothes, The Independent has learnt. Ministers believe that the comparative price index, as it will be called, will shame British retailers into slashing the cost of goods with substantial mark-ups.

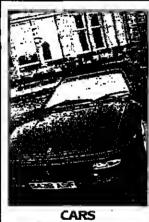
The crackdown follows a European Commissioo study which found that Britons paid up to 52 per cent more for a car than their European counter-

BY PAUL WAUGH **Political Correspondent**

parts. An internal Treasury report also found that prices in Britain are on average 56 per cent higher for furniture and carpets, 54 per cent higher for hotels and eating out and 22 percent higher for electrical goods. Other studies have shown that supermarkets in Britain charge 36 per cent more than French stores and 54 per ceot more than German stores for an average basket of goods.

The move is part of a new consumer-centred approach at the DTI that will be detailed in a White Paper to be published in the spring. "For too long, the DTI has been seen as a vehicle for mollycoddling husiness. It should be much more oo the side of the consumer," a goverameot source said.

The twice-yearly European price tables, which ministers hope will be published as supplements in newspapers, will use information supplied from



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market research companies

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As well as allowing a fair

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The European Commission

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Other ideas include plans to



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fy differences between different nations for the same goods. The unit and its publication of price comparisons will spearhead a raft of proposals drawn up by Kim Howells, the Con-sumer Affairs minister, to inject greater competition into UK

allow the DTI to launch its own fast-track investigations into overpricing, separate from lengthy Office of Fair Trading (OFT) inquiries. The DTI also wants a complete overhaul of trading standards regulations and aims to "name and shame" companies in the UK who are found to charge much higher

prices than similar competitors for identical goods.

The OFT is investigating motor-trade and supermarket prices, but is unlikely to refer the hig four food giants, Sainsbury, Tesco, Safeway and Asda, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

With increasing public resentment at the stranglehold the big four have over nearly 70 per cent of all food shopping, ministers want to show that they will not tolerate artificial price fixing.

A survey by The Independent last month found enormous price disparities between different European countries. Taking into account exchange rates, Italy is the cheapest place for a Big Mac and the most expensive for a jar of Nescafe. Britain would be the place to huy the iMac hut riot the Tomb Raider 3 computer game. The cheapest Levi 501s would be in Germany and the dearest compact discs in

Edmonds faces strike

Egyptian mummy found buried in garden

BY LOUISE JURY

AN AMATEUR historian investigating a convalescent home for miners has discovered that an ancient Egyptian mummy was buried in the home's garden.

The mummy was brought back to Britain in 1904 by the explorer John Wilhelm Rowntree, of the chocolate and cocoa family. Rowntree was reportedly struck by the curse that is said to blight the lives of those who disturb such remains, and he died within a year, at the age of 37.

His grieving relatives, including four children who had been terrified by the mummy's display in the family library. hastily buried it in the grounds of Low Hall at Scalby in North Yorkshire. It lay undiscovered until

Peter Aldridge, superintendent of the home, began his investigation into the history of Low-Hall, now used by the National Union of Mineworkers, and appealed for information. Jean Rowntree, 93, one of the

explorer's daughters, who is now living in Kent, contacted Mr Aldridge to tell him of the mummy's existence. Unbeknown to the miners, she had already told the story of the mummy in her memoirs.

Mr Aldridge said: "She said

that the mummy was the only thing in her childhood to cause her mortal fear. She never understood why her father had brought It home and displayed it in the library."

The grave has been pinpointed by Jean Rowntree as being in part of the threequarter-acre kitchen garden and Mr Aldridge says he has seen a mysterious hlue, diamond-shaped light in the garden about 10 times over the years. "Every time I went to touch the jewel, it disappeared," he said. "I never connected it with anything and my wife always believed it was a shadow, or a figment of my imagination. Now I'm not so

Mr Aldridge, 64, is now keen to mark the mummy's resting place - but is not keen on digging it up. "I'm terrified that if I do, I will be struck by its curse," he said. "It's strange that Mr Rowntree died within a year of bringing it home. There's a lot to be said for not disturbing the graves of ancient Egyptians."

Lord Carnarvon, who sponsored Howard Carter's excavations in 1922 of the tomb of Tutankhamun, died shortly afterwards.

The Low Hall estate, with its two houses, is valued at about £6 million and was first acquired by the South Yorkshire Miners' Welfare in 1927. It later passed to the National Union of

Mr Aldridge, an ex-miner said: "If NUM president Arthur Scargill wants to give permission for the mummy to be excavated that is up to him. But I will be nowhere around if it happens. I believe in the curse of the mummy."

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Beaches now 'twice as dirty' BRITAIN'S BEACHES are almost twice as polluted as they were five years ago, according to a report published

yesterday. A survey by Reader's Digest and the Marine Conservation Society recorded 1,936 items of rubbish per kilometre of beach compared with 1,045 in 1994. Levels of litter are 24 per cent worse than last year.

Brain bug kills university student A STUDENT died from meningitis hours after developing symptoms of the disease at the weekend. The engineering undergraduate, in his first year at Oxford Brookes University, died soon after being admitted to hospital early on Saturday. A university spokeswoman said the victim was not being named and was thought to be an isolated case.

Welsh coast still polluted with oil RESIDUES OF oil are still polluting some parts of the Welsh coast three years after the Sea Empress tanker disaster, a survey for Friends of the Earth revealed yesterday. Deposits were found just below the surface at 16 sites.

Raid victim offers £10,000 reward GEORGE MATTHEWS, aged 79, who was left to die in his

freezing home in Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, after being wrapped from head to foot in sticky tape by masked raiders, put up a £10,000 reward for their capture.

THE GOVERNMENT today launches CitizenCard, a £5 identity card to help shop staff to stop under-age children buying cigarettes, alcohol, lottery tickets and adult videos. The card has a photograph, signature and hologram.

Child ID card scheme launched

Army joins tank crash inquiry ARMY EXPERTS were called in to examine a tank being driven by military enthusiasts that crashed off a moorland road near Buxton, Derbyshire, killing a young woman and injuring her husband and two other men inside it.

over staff harassment JOHN EDMONDS, the union BY BARRIE CLEMENT leader who has fought a long campaign against bullying bosses, is threatened with a

strike at his headquarters over alleged harassment of staff. The bizarre dispute at the

GMB general union – one of two separate potential conflicts began when one member of staff was allegedly intimidated by a senior union official. Union employees demanded that the accused bully, Mick

Fisher, acting head of communications, be suspended. Instead Mr Edmonds, the general secretary, ordered an inquiry by the union's legal officer. Warren Glover, one of the

GMB staff who witnessed the clash between Mr Fisher and Steve Pryle of the communications department, registered his dissatisfaction with the result of the inquiry, which was to suspend Mr Fisher for three days. Mr Glover also took issue with evidence his line manager gave the investigation.

Mr Glover's immediate boss demanded a written apology, but he refused and he was dis-

Labour Editor

missed. A further irony is that Mr Glover was taken oo by the union two months ago partly because of his expertise on bullying in the workplace. Mr Glover has drawn up policy statements on the issue for the Consumers' Association and the Royal College of Nursing

Some 50 or so headquarters staff will be receiving strike ballot papers over the next few days and the result is due to be announced later this week,

Mr Edmonds has other staff problems on his hands. The GMB leader recently sacked Tom Condon, his spin-doctor, for alleged "unsatisfactory performance" during his probationary period.

Mr Condon's staff disagreed with his assessment of their boss and have voted in a separate ballot to walk out over the dismissal. The spin-doctor believes he was fired for criticising the unioo over a property deal that lost it £6m.

management at the union had behaved as badly as any bully m the private sector Several headquarters staff have been offered voluntary redundancy and many seem keen to leave.

A spokesperson for the union said Mr Glover would be reinstated if he signed a statement agreed by management and his union representative. He also had a right of appeal.

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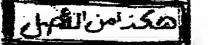
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'Vagina Monologues': back to basics on St Valentine's Day

FORGET ROSES and candlelight. When some of the world's most talented women got together on St Valentine's Day vesterday all they wanted to do was talk about vaginas.

The occasion was V Day, a relebrity performance at the Old Vic in London of The Vagina Monologues, the American playwright Eve Ensler's witty and provocative literary exploration of the most intimate part of a women's anatomy.

The actresses Gillian An-derson, Kate Winslet, Melanie Griffith and Cate Blanchett were among a cast of about 20 women, spanning television, stage, music and literature.

Ensler created the monologues, a mix of fact and fiction, after interviewing 200 women from a wide range of experiences and backgrounds, in-cluding a Bosnian rape victim and Jewish septuagenarian who had rarely thought about "Down There" since being shamed into denial by her first hoyfriend's show of disgust.

Chrissie Tiller, the producer said the cast had taken a while to join the London show.

By JANE HUGHES

"Meera Syal was the first person to come on board and it was very uphill in the beginning Some of the young women are at a stage in their career where ·I wondered if they would risk it, but women like Sophie Dahl, who had seen a production in New York, were delighted to be asked," she said.

A few of the cast had exressed nervousness in rehearsal but, Ensler said, when they went on stage and began working as a group they were empowered by the piece. Last year's charity performance in New York, which included stars such as Winona Ryder and Susan Sarandon, failed to raise any corporate sponsorship.

ly reticent. Only one company put up sponsorship for last night's concert in aid of charities working to end violence against women and children. "A champagne company said they couldn't be associated with such a negative thing, as did a



V Day luminaries, including actresses Gillian Anderson, Kate Winslet and Cate Blanchett and model Sophie Dahl

Neville Elder

"Having the right information - immediately - can

really make a difference. Sometimes I don't have time even to make a call. In cases like these I can still get vital information from my hospital pharmaceutical information about dosages and contraindications, for example. I use the Nokia

Communicator to connect to the hospital's database

over the internet. For me, technology isn't valuable

Eve Ensler's introduction to the Vagina Monologue: 1 bet you're worried. I was worried. That's why I began this piece. I was worried about the vaginas, I was worried about what we think about vaginas, and even more worried that we don't think about them. I was worried about my own vagina. It needed a context of other vaginas - a community, a culture of vaginas. There's so much darkness and secrecy surrounding them - like the Bermuda Triangle. Nobody ever reports back from there. In the first place, it's not so easy even to find your vagina. Women go weeks, months, sometimes years without looking at it. I interviewed a high-powered businesswoman who told me she was too busy. Looking at your vagina, she said, is a full day's work. You have to get down there on your back in front of a mirror that's standing on its own, full-length

GM food advisers shake-up planned

SWEEPING CHANGES to the controversial committee that approves trials of genetically modified (GM) crops are being planned by the Environment minister, Michael Meacher.

Wildlife specialists are to be brought on to Acre, the Advisory Committee on Releases to Bristol University, will step the Environment, which has down later this year after servbeen accused of bias by green campaigners because most of Meacher, the minister responits 13 members have links with sible for Acre who is known to the biotechnology industry.

The new committee members will address the fear that has prompted English Nature, the Government's conservation advisers, to call for a three-year moratorium on the commercial not been rigorous under their growing of GM crops. It is conpresent remit," Mr Meacher pesticides that such transgenic sent brief does not include the sect, plant and bird life.

Many GM crops are now being designed to be tolerant of ship has excluded farmland extremely powerful insecticides and herbicides, the use of which is likely to eliminate all wildlife besides the crops themselves, leaving the fields as "green concrete".

At the moment consideration expert on farmland wildlife.

It does, however, have at least seven members with direct links to the genetic engineering industry, and has so far given permission to test GM crops at more than 500 trial

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY **Environment Correspondent**

sites around the country - and

never recommended a refusal. But nine committee members, including the chairman, Professor John Beringer of ing two three-year terms. Mr share English Nature's concerns, plans to appoint three ecologists or experts on farm-land biodiversity.

"I don't want to criticise Acre or suggest that they have cerned the increased use of said yesterday, "but their preplants allow will devastate in- cumulative, indirect, long-term effects of GM crops on the environment, and the memberbiodiversity and ecological matters. On the new body we will be having people who do have that expertise.

"Any change to Acre is welcome," Adrian Bebb, food campaigner for Friends of the of these possible side-effects is Earth, said last night. "It has too not part of Acre's remit and the many links to the biotech incommittee does not contain an dustry and it certainly appears to the public to be biased. This might be the beginning of a bet-

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*BBC moves to halt impostors

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Guests will now have to sign a declaration certifying they will be truthful Floor managers will warn audiences on the show and others like it that the against boaxers. All guests head of factual programmes. must provide documents to prove who they are.

nave paid a showbusiness duction A BBC spokeswoman agency £100 per guest for two strippagrams to pose as feudmet, according to The Mirror. MP, would go ahead today.

By Linus Gregoriadis

wife, the newspaper said.
Some sources said the £2m programme, which started only last month, could be scrapped. Sir John Birt, the BBC director general, was said to be closely interested in the probe being BBC could take legal action made by Anne Morrison, his

Entertainment agencies and fake audience members have Staff on the show, hosted by confessed they duped the BBC Vanessa Feltz, were said to and Trisha, a rival ITV prosaid The Vanessa Show and Kilroy, a chat show hosted by ing sisters. The pair had never Robert Kilroy-Silk, the former

DONALD MACINTYRE



On GM food, the Tory party projects itself as the champion of the consumer MONDAY REVIEW PAGE 3

Is our most subsidised line taking us for a ride?

AT 10.42AM a 60-year-old Lon- BY PHILIP THORNTON don Underground train grinds Transport Correspondent slowly out of Ryde Pier Head station on the Isle of Wight carrying a handful of passengers. The conductor walks down the train's two carriages checking tickets. At 11.06am it pulls into Shanklin - the end of the route - on time. Welcome to Britain's most efficient railway.

By repeating this feat twice an hour, seven days a week, Is- So we ought to be, being the land Line has been named by the Rail Regulator as a model for the rest of the industry. Forget the 140mph Great North heavily subsidised in Britain. Eastern Railway from London to Edinburgh and, most definitely, disregard Britain's most famous line, Brunel's Great Western Railway.

Island Line was the only railway cotapany to receive to "%" for punctuality and reliability under a new grading system launched last week. It ran 99.6 per cent of its scheduled ser-

were on time. In an average week only seven of its 1.711 services were cancelled - and just 86 were late.

Given that the line is made up of just 8.5 miles of (mostly) single track, this good record

"The most efficient railway? smallest," said the line's general manager, Alan Cracknell. Island Line is also the most

with the taxpayer cootributing 63p for every passenger mile travelled. This is the equivalent of a Treasury contribution of £5.40 on top of the £2.70 fare for the railway's eight miles and #16 yards from Hyde Pier Bload to Shanklin.

Stagecoach, the parent company, receives £2 million a year to run a service that does vices, 95 per cent of which not even connect to the island's

value for money for the tax- Stagecoach will point to the payer and it could be better said an industry

The Island Line franchise expires in 2001. If it is to continue as a railway, it will need massive investment in track and trains. The Government recently said that it might re-place the line with an "infinitely better, faster, more modern, more accessible coach service". But for Labour to close a line in the heart of middleclass southern England could

be politically unwise. Another option would be for the Government to end the subsidy and make a one-off investment in an upgraded tram system to connect Newport. One estimate but the cost at £20 million, equivalent to a decade's subsidy.

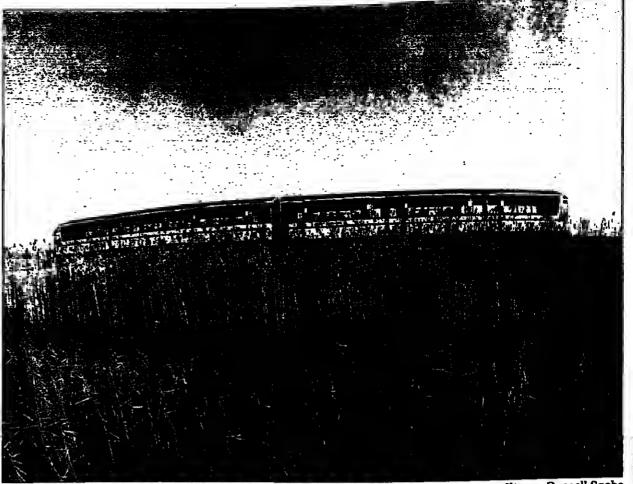
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capital, Newport. "This is not in the railway of the future. performance figures, a 10 per cent cut in fares since privatisation, and the fact that it coordinates its trains to meet the

> But there is growing anger within the railway industry that the system that made Island Line best operator will be used to choose which companies have a future in the One senior railway figure

said that the new system, which takes no account of the size of the network or the age of the infrastructure, had been fixed to paint an appalling picture of the railways and allow the Government to claim credit for an improvement in a He is furious that his service

received a low grade despite improving in 1998 and hitting almost all the targets set under



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New test reopens unsolved murders

HUNDREDS OF imsolved mur- By JASON BENNETTO ders, rapes and other cases are Crime Correspondent being reopened thanks to new investigative and DNA analysis techniques.

The cases, some almost 30 ears old, range from a student discovered with a broken neck raped, murdered and dumped by the side of a motorway. They include some of the most baffling and mysterious unsolved crimes -so-called "cold" investigations.

In a technological hreakthrough, forensic scientists can now provide DNA profiles of criminals from a single blood cell a sperm or even from a flake of skin left on a light switch.

Within a decade, forensic scientists believe they will be able to produce a full genetic "photofit" of a suspect's weight, height, facial characteristics, hair and eye colour from a single cell or a drop of blood.

Dave Barclay, a senior scientist at the Forensic Science Service and its co-ordinator at the National Crime Faculty, said: "We are trying to ally new techniques such as DNA to oew ways of looking at crime scenes so that we can reinterpret circumstances and try and discover in more detail exactly what happened.

At the forefront of DNA testing is the single-cell technique. A Forensic Science Service spokesman said: "The new procedure is cutting edge. We have only started using it during the past couple of weeks. It's based on the idea of taking DNA from smaller and smaller pieces of evidence ... a speck of blood so small it is invisible to the naked eye, or a fleck of dandruff."

But the service will not offer the new system to police until it has been tested and ratified. A handful of cases are being re-examined in a pilot scheme.

Before more sophisticated sampling was devised, officers

used to "tape" bodies, using sticky tape to pick up any hairs that may have been shed by the attacker. The tapes and other often kept. DNA can be taken from even a dead shaft of hair.

Advances have also enabled detectives to obtain overlooked intelligence from old cases and work out what happened. This technique, called "physical profiling" allows, for example, detectives to calculate where and how an attack may have takeo place, or what type of weapon was used and in what way.

These methods are also being used as part of the ongoing Operation Enigma investigation, which is examining possible links between unsolved murders of women and killings involving prostitutes. Among the hundreds of

'cold case" inquiries that are benefiting from the new techniques are the killings of: . Barbara Mayo, 24, who in 1970 was found in woods off the M1 in Derbyshire. She had been raped and strangled. After tests on a sample of the killer's DNA found on Mayo's clothing, police believe the murderer was probably responsible for the killing of Jacqueline Ansell-Lamb, 18, a secretary who died in similar circumstances, also in 1970.

An unideotified young woman found murdered and dumped in Bedgebury Forest, Kent, in October 1979. She suffered massive head injuries from a beating. The case was reopened last October after forensic science tests were done on stored evidence.

A former lorry driver, in his early 70s, from Kent, was arrested last month in connection vith the murder and was later bailed. A report will be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service.

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Schools may drop modular A-levels

have warned the Government level will lead to a dilution of the exam generally regarded as the gold standard

James Sabben-Clare, head of Winchester, said that his school, which regularly leads the A-level league table, might consider abandoning the exam and taking the International Baccalaureat instead.

Ministers have insisted that plans, to be announced short-

ly, to broaden the A-level will maintain its existing high standard. From September next year, pupils will be able to begin five subjects in the sixth form and take new AS exams at the end of their first year. They will then decide whether to continue with three A-levels, the usual number at present, or to carry

on with more subjects. The new courses will be of-

sized chunks, with exams that can be taken throughout the two years and mixed with advanced vocational qualifications if pupils wish,

Both universities and state school heads have welcomed the changes, which were first proposed in a report by Sir Ron, now Lord, Dearing, Many independent school heads are also enthusiastic. Many maths and science A-levels are already modular and modular

ity in both state and indepen-

But Mr Sabben-Clare, chairman of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) of leading independent schools told officials from the Department for Education at a meeting last week that some academic schools were concerned about the preservation of traditional exams taken at the end of two years.

Exam boards will still be

able to offer these exams but Mr Sabben-Clare said he feared that the decision to make modules the norm would affect the

way all A-levels were assessed. He said: "Modules seem to work quite well in subjects such as science, but at Winchester we believe that the changes will make subjects like history less seriously analytical. It will be reduced to a series of specified boops and those with imagination will be penalised. Serious academic

study of history will be com-

Winchester already offers international GCSEs for younger pupils. Mr Sabben-Clare said that if the fears sbout the new A-level were realised, he would consider opting out of the exam and putting pupils in for the International Baccalaureat, which requires a spread of arts and science subjects and a paper in the theory of knowledge

Several leading independent

evenoaks, already offer the IB. Vivian Anthony, secretary of HMC, said: "There are some schools who feel that A-level as it is at present has served them

schools, such as Malvern and

cern is that it is not quite the challenge it was in the past. "There are others who are clamouring for a broader range of subjects and more flexibility to do vocational qualifications

well and whose particular con-

alongside A-levels, which will be possible under the new system." the Government."

John Dunford, general sec-retary of the Secondary Heads Association, which represents state school secondary heads, said he had no worries about the standard of the new exams. "We are right behind these changes. It will lead to greater breadth and will enable students who at the moment drop out of A-level courses to get some accreditation for a worthwhile performance. I would not want to see any backtracking by

Britons glory in the war, says German minister

BASIL FAWLITY'S advice may have been spot on when, in advance of the arrival of a group of Germans at his disasterprone fictional hotel, he famously pleaded to his staff: "Don't mention the war." But the trouble is, it appears that we cannot help ourselves.

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From the football terrace to produced lager to our popular Iterature and magazines. Britain, it seems, remains obsessed with a war that ended more than 50 years ago.

Yesterday it was revealed that some prominent Germans believe this British obsession with the Second World War goes even further Michael Naumann, the German Culture Minister, claimed that the interest in the war had actually become the spiritual core of Britain's national identity.

"There is only one nation in the world that has decided to make the Second World War a sort of spiritual core of its national self, understanding and pride," said Mr Naumann, a former journalist

Mr Naumann said this ob-Britain's attitude to football. BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

("Two world wars and a World Cup too") and xenophobic headlines examples of this, but the very language used by the British revealed an overriding mability to think of Germans without reference to the war.

"Think of poor old Franz the television, from our mass- Beckenbauer (former Germany captain and coach]," Mr Naumann said. "One of the most elegant players in the game and the only metaphor you had available for him was to call him a Panzer"

Many would argue that for one generation, the Second World War with its attendant rationing, blitzes and the death of so many young men was understandably, a defining period.

But 50 years on, are the British still really obsessed? Dr Max-Stephan Schulze, a lecturer in economic history at the London School of Economics, said: "I think that Naumann is going over the top. It certainly features in the press, in particular the tabloid press, but there is a question as to how far it features in everyday dis-

ally aware of. I have been living look at the BBC, always dust-strong."

DAILY MIRROR

for you Fritz, ze Euro 95 Championship is over In June 1996 as England faced Germany in the semi-finals of the European Championship, a glut of tabloid headlines appeared. The Daily Star had a front-page picture of Terry Venables in the famous Lord Kitchener 'Your Country Needs You' recruitment

But it was The Mirror that caught most people's eye. With a photograph of players Stuart Pearce and Paul Gascoigne wearing helmets, the paper's headline read: " Achtung, Surrender. For You Fritz, ze Euro .96 Championship is over.* England lost the match after penalties.

here 10 years and I have only

suffered any [racial] abuse

once, and that was after an

England football game when

my car still had German plates

Others disagree. Professor

poster, while The Sun urged: Let's

DAD'S ARMY

Gentle humour perhaps, but just who is the audience supposed to be laughing at? Is it Capt Mainwaring and the Walmingtonon-Sea Home Guard or is it those pesky Germans who 'don't like it. up-them? Either way, the show repeats the same old stereotypes. particularly in the opening credits when the red, white and blue arrows of Britain take on the black arrows of Germany. Who do

vou think you are kidding Mr. Hitler? Even though they were made years ago, shows such as Dad's Army and 'Alto 'Allo remain hugely popular. (Last summer Dad's Army was was still pulling in more than 4.5m viewers.)

ing off those old war films and

repeating them," he said. "Just

after the war, having won

against the odds, these things

may have had a value hut what

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Picture the scene. The sunloungers are set out around the pool and the overweight Germans are out of their hotel beds at the crack of dawn to secure their

But what's this? A snave Brit casually tosses his rolled up towel across the pool, where, accompanied by the theme tune of The Dambusters, it bounces across

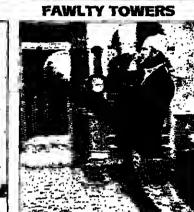
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Undoubtedly a classic episode that has given fuel to scores of impersonators, but what was John Cleese up to?

When he tells his staff not to "mention the war" after a group of Germans arrive at the hotel, was he making fun of the British obsession with the war, or was he helping to perpetuate it even

further? Because Fawlty Towers might be thought to have a reasonably sophisticated audience, was Cleese trusting that we are actually learning to laugh at ourselves and the resident Major? Or was he just cashing in on a cheap and easy laugh?

THE DEADLOCK over handing BY PAUL LASHMAR

comed the hreakthrough yesterday. "We now look as if we are closer to that than we've though we could be approaching the endgame."

Basset Ali al-Megrahi and accused of planting the bomb that killed 270 people 10 years ago. The British and Americans have been pressing Libya to hand over the men for trial since they were formally

Last summer, Colonel Gaddafi accepted in principle to deliver the suspects after agreement was reached that the trial could be held in a neu-

DOWNING STREET is preparing a high-risk strategy of allowing

Ken Livingstone on to Labour's

hertlist for mayor of London -

if it can find a rival candidate ca-

The move to challenge the

"Livingstone problem" head on

comes as the former GLC leader

holds a rally today calling for

Tony Blair to allow his name to go forward in a one member, one

the reselist Beryl Bainbridge will attend the meeting tonight at

Westminster Central Hall that

will mark the start of Mr Liv-

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Political Correspondent

ingstone's campaign. In a populist move that echoed his lead-

ership at County Hall more than

a decade ago, he has placed ad-

verts in the London Evening

Standard calling on Londoners

If the campaign picks up momentum, it could prove too

embarrassing for Mr Blair and

Labour to scupper the MP's

chances and could provoke

more "control freak" headlines.

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Ministerial sources have in-

to back his right to stand



Robin Cook: 'We may be nearing the endgame'

pervision at the prison seems

am not going to let out any sigh of relief until the two suspects land in the Netherlands." Jim Swire, who lost his

daughter Flora in the Lockerbie bombing said: "I think the trial is going to happen. But I am not sure the Americans will sign the agreement. I don't

that involves either blocking the

MP through a vetting panel or

taking him on with a "heavy hit-

keep open the option of Living-

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East MP's views believe that he

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Even backbench MPs who

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The Blair camp's decision to

ter" in a straight fight.

to unrest in the party.

think the American want this trial and have not agreed to the trial in a neutral country." The UN are due to review the sanctions against Libya on 26 February. Sanctions has been in place since Libya refused to hand over the two men seven years ago. While Britain has never put a deadline on reaching agreement with the Libyan government to hand over the suspects, the Americans have indicated that they would ask for tightening of sanctions if the

Earlier this month, the Saudia ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar, visited Libya and held talks with Colonel Gaddafi in what appeared to be a final attempt for a solution before the United States and Britain proposed new sanctions against Libva.

Apart from the behaviour of some football fans and the tabloid headline writers, the most obvious examples of such

an obsession are television shows such as 'Allo 'Allo and "I think that something that Dad's Army. But by portraying Gordon Smith of the Universi- may have initially come from the SS commander Herr Flick ty of London said that while the a feeling of supremacy is now as a leather-wearing fetishist, Germans were trying to put the perpetuated by a sense of in- are we laughing at the Gerwar behind them, the British feriority. We don't like the fact mans or laughing at our own ob-"It is not something I am re- wanted to hang on to it. "Just that the German economy is session with laughing at the

Have we all suddenly become terribly ironic?

"I think there is a difference between the headlines during the European Championship which were of the moment . and other, more long-term aspects," said Bob Ferguson, a lecturer in media studies at the

University of London.

sells. It is also cheap to produce," Mr Ferguson said. "It provides us with someone

else for us to laugh at and it also provides a myth that keeps us going. We might mythologise our victory but as far as I know the Russians won the war" Mc Naumann said that the

obsession was infecting all "In the longer term, I think areas of British life, pointing to have spent their lives rebuildthis interest stems from the fact the recent portrayal of the Gering this nation and are truly

Lafontaine, in The Sun as possibly "the most dangerous man in Europe".

"It's not as though poor Oskar goes to bed crying about this," he said. "But to call him a gauleiter

goes to the gut. People do not understand what a personal offence this is to people who

Lockerbie trial closer as Gaddafi agrees Cook plan

over the two Libyans suspected of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing may have finally been broken. International mediators say the Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, has accepted a new proposal from the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, to allow UN officials to supervise the men if they are jailed. The Foreign Secretary wel-

ever been before," he said. "It has been seven months of hard effort, but at least it looks as The two suspects, Abdel Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, are

charged in 1991. trai country - the Netherlands.

...e stumbling block remained where the men would serve any sentence, if found guilty.

The mediators, President Nelson Mandela's aide, Jake Gerwal, and a Saudi diplomat, Rihab Massoud, visited Colonel Gaddafi last week. Mr Cook said: "I saw Mr Ger-

day before they departed for Tripoli. I sent through them a clear message that we could not compromise the principle that the two men should serve any sentence in Scotland, but we were very willing to explore with Kofi Annan the full involvement of the UN in supervising a separate prison wing. Mr Gerwal and Mr Massoud reported on Thursday that this

negotiations for special arrangements for the men's religious and dietary needs if

It has been also agreed that Libyan dipiomats could be based in Glasgow to represent the men. But Foreign Office sources say the offer of UN su-

Blair U-turn on Livingstone



to have broken the recent

The head of Kofi Annan's office, Ighal Riza, is to write to the Libyan leader to ask for an explicit agreement to the trial in the Netherlands. But Mr Cook cautioned: "I

Libyans had not complied. In South Africa, a statement

from President Mandela's office also said there had been progress toward resolving the sue. "We are happy to be able to announce that positive results were achieved in these discussions and that common understanding was reached on all the outstanding issues on this matter," a statement said.

party chiefs believe that the

wider "armchair" membership

in London, as opposed to the ac-

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Health, Frank Dobson, was

seen as the best person capa-

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If no suitable candidate can

be found within the next few months, the party is prepared

to fall back on moves to block

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mary, but be has said he has no

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Last pit ponies are made redundant

THE LAST two working pit ponies in Britain are due to retire later this year. Until such time, the Weish Cobs must carry on their daily underground duties, hauling cast iron and steel drams of coal weighing two tons over an uneven railway in the pitch black.

The small, private drift mine of Pantygassed in South Wales. where the ponies are still used, is hard to find. It is hidden in a remote valley, in a once beautiful deep gorge.

The Independent went there last week and watched as Amos, a 13-hands-2in bay Welsh Cob emerged from the hillside. struggling to keep the heavy load behind him moving. He waited patiently while the coal was unloaded before returning back into the darkness.

In 1913 there were 70,000 pit ponies at work in Britain, according to the Government Digest of Statistics. When the National Coal Board was formed in 1947 it inherited 21,000 pit ponies. By 1952 the total number of working ponies was down



Roy Peckham, a trustee of Fforest Uchaf Horse and Pony Rehabilitation Centre, with former pit pony Steel

These figures do not, however, include the thousands of ponies that have been employed over the years in small private mines

such as Pantygassed. Stan Fancy, who bought Pantygassed with its four ponies about a year ago, is planning to mechanise the mine. The ponies, two of which are already no longer needed,

ham Cottle Home of Rest for Animals, near Milton Keynes. Roy Peckham, a trustee of

the Fforest Uchaf Horse and Pony Rehabilitation Centre in Pontyridd, has campaigned tirelessly to end the use of

ordinated monitoring of the

Motor Show and people were worried about Suez.'

One miner, who retired two ears ago after 24 years in the industry, said he prayed that the pit ponies at Pantypassed really were the last.

"At the end of the day, I was lways a collier and the horse had a task to do," he said: "It had to pull 20 drams a day and, if it didn't, I didn't get paid. The horse had to do it. It was not a matter of choice."

Mr Fancy said his pit ponies are well looked after. "If we abused any of these horses we'd have the RSPCA and Health and Safety Executive on to us ... The vet comes when we want him and does a full inspection and inoculation every 12 months. That's the law." At his home, Mr Peckham fed

a Polo mint to a 17-year-old pit pony called Steel, which he rescued last year. Steel wheezed and coughed because of the coal dust on his lungs and refused to move. "He says, Tm retired and I don't have to do anything I don't want to and you can't make me'," explained Mr Peck-



ham, who entirely understood. Amos, one of Britain's two remaining pit ponies, hauls up a two-ton dram of coal

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Ministers to back Green **Belt homes**

THE GOVERNMENT is to back BY NICHOLAS SCHOON controversial "town extensions" to make it easier to build on greenfield land and solve the country's housebuilding crisis. The plan will be justified by

ministers as being the most enrironmentally friendly and sustainable way of dealing with the problem, even though it implies building on the Green Belt surrounding many urban areas. Such areas are meant to be rept free of development.

The argument in favour of extensions will be spelt out in official planning guidance for local councils published next month. the Environment, Transport wall land - but it will eventual and the Regions believe they are ly grow to nearly 2,000. the best way of finding room for a million or more new bomes in England, which cannot be squeezed inside existing builtup areas, over the next 15 years.

The new communities will be well served by public transport. include industry and offices, and be large enough to support their own schools, shopping centres and leisure facilities. That implies urban areas with populations of 10,000 or more.

The Government wants to make a break with the pattern of the past, in which estates were tacked on to towns, creating low-density, cardependent suburban sprawl.

It has also rejected large new self-contained settlements built in the open countryside, the idea that inspired the post-war new towns of which Stevenage in Hertfordshire was the first

The new-style extensions will be within a few minutes' bus ride of a railway station. They will have a car-free "dedicated public transport corridor" linking

them to their "parent" town and station, and networks of footpaths and cycle ways will dissaude residents from driving.

Two extensions have recently been approved by local councils - at Stevenage, which could add up to 10,000 extra homes, and a smaller one at Newcastle upon Tyne. Both will be built entirely on Green Belt land, which has had to de-designated, to the fury of local residents.

At Prince Charles's Poundbury extension of Dorchester. Dorset, 140 homes have been Ministers in the Department of completed on Duchy of Corn

> The extension has been buil at much higher densities than most post-war suburbia, with front doors opening directly on to streets. Yet it has proved highly popular. MPs on the Environment Select Committee have visited and reported that Poundbury was a model for housing of the future.

Roger Higman of Friends of the Earth said: "Before the Government approves extensions, it needs to do much more to encourage development and regeneration within cities and reduce building on green fields."

Neil Sinden of the Council for the Protection of Rural England said ministers' first priority should be to make the planning process more flexible and attuned to what local people want. rather than providing a stream of greenfield sites.

The hope is that developers will finance regeneration and improvements in the old towns in return for planning permission to build the extensions.

Millions hit by Tube stoppage

MILLIONS of commuters will be affected today by a 48-hour London Underground strike,

which started at 6pm last night. Motoring organisations pre-dict that the industrial action by the Rail Maritime and Transport union over job security will lead to severe delays. Matters have been made worse by the coincidental closure today of The Mall, a main London artery, for resurfacing work.

Commuters were being urged to take a day off work or to stagger their journeys, as the RAC warned that the strike could paralyse London. Roads used by tens of thousands of commuters from the Home Counties and Hertfordshire are expected to be up to a third busier today.

London Underground will offer a reduced service but many workers will be obliged to use packed overground trains or join jammed roads.

Two routes around the Whitehall area are already closed. Traffic coming into London over Westminster, Lambern and Waterioo bridges will be further delayed as drivers, unfamiliar with the city streets, ne-

BY CATHY COMERFORD

gotiate the blocked roads. The knock-on effect is likely to jam up traffic in Piccadilly and Whitehall.

The AA warned that roadworks on the North Circular Road, which orbits north London and feeds traffic into the centre, would add to the chaos. Steve Upsher, press officer

for the AA, said: "It will add an hour or two at each end of the evening rush hour for the 48hour duration." A spokesman for Scotland

Yard said: "There have been dreadful situations in years past and we will police it as best we can." Calls for the Government to

open the Royal Parks for parking were rejected yesterday over fears that this would encourage people to drive in. The main roads around

London facing delays today are the M25, M3, M4, M11 and M1 Glenda Jackson, the Trans port minister, said yesterday she would not intervene in the dispute. "We have asked that if people can use public transport, please do," she said.

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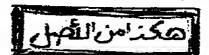
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Court shows experts split on screening

A RIGH COURT case that ends By Paul LASHMAR tody has revealed a disturbing spi between medical experts ove how effectively they can spea virulent form of cervical carer. Their disagreement will urther shake confidence in the ervical screening pro-grame, which has been hit by

seveal scares in recent years. Juge Peppitt QC is to rule on the case of three women from lent who claim they have cances as a result of misdiagnosed mear tests by the Kent and Caterbury Hospital, centre of the worst cervical screening schdal, in which eight women are believed to have died and 30 needed hysterec-

tomies ecause of failures. Hele Palmer, 35 of Whitstable, andra Penney, 35 of Ramsgae, and Lesley Cannon, 38, rom Sheppey say the hospital screeoers misread their test, and as a result they convincingly dyskaryotic cells contracted adenocarcinoma. the less common form of cervical cancer that affects mainy younger vomen. All three teeded radical hysterectomies.

Much of the dispute in the 10lay court case centred on whether cyto-screeners, the aboratory technicians who exmine slides, should have been ble to notice the pre-cancerus signs when the smears rere taken between 1990 and 992. The medical science of nalysing such slides is said to ave improved since the early

But, alarmingly, the experts the case disagreed over what le women's four smears sowed. In one case they were arkly divided on whether a 190 smear showed signs of tenocarcinoma at all. Of four do-pathologists who examied the slide, two said there cacer and two said there was to interpret.

nsuch evidence. wnen said the smear shows AND JEREMY LAURANCE

cant glandular abnormalities are present ... In my opinion this delay of five and half years (until diagnosis of cancer) is inexcusable."

Professor Thomas Krauz, 51, a consultant at Hammersmith Hospital, agreed with Professor Cotton. "This is not a negative smear as stated in the original," he said. Professor Krauz had several of his cytoscreeners at Hammersmith hlind-test the slide. All four identified problems.

But the two experts advising the East Kent Health Authority, on behalf of the hospital, voiced the opposite opinion. Dr Andrew Boon, 40, consultant of St James' University Hospital, Leeds, said: "Even in retrospect, I cannot find any within the smear and all the changes present could be reasonably attributed to florid inflammation."

Dr David Hughes, 35, consultant at Chesterfield Hospital, said: "I agree with Dr Boon that the 1990 smear is acceptable as negative."

Judge Peppitt was clearly disturbed by the conflict over the slides and came back to it a number of times during the hearings. The consultants were cross-examined about their evidence. Such disagreement will raise concern over the effectiveness of cervical screening programmes.

Adenocarcinoma accounts for 10 to 15 per cent of cervical cancers but the proportion is growing. Its diagnosis and treatment is fraught with difficulty. Experts say that cells indicative of adenocarcinoma on ws clear evidence of pre- the smear are the most difficult

The National Cervical The two medical experts Screening Service said that wo were retained by the even with regular smears every three to five years, only 50 per scous and readily visible ab- cent of adenocarcinomas will be nomalities. Professor Roger prevented, compared with 80 to Ccon, 72, the retired head of 90 per cent of invasive squacylogy at Nottingham Uni-wenty Hospital, said "significommonest sort."



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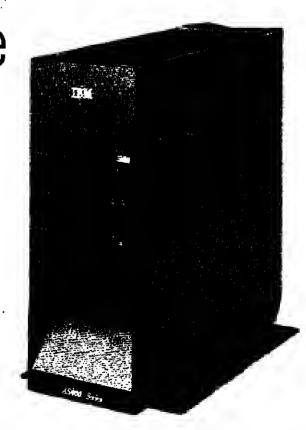
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Four in five back enforced night to roam

BY AUL WAUGH Polital Correspondent

PRESURE ON the Governmento improve access to the countrside has been increased by a pli published today, which finds fore than four people in five bak a Right to Roam Bill. An JOP survey, commis-

sionedby The Ramblers' Association, found 83 per ceot of adults apported a backbeoch Bill to face landowners to open up aboutour million acres. The ndepentent can reveal.

The toll of 1,001 people hroughout the UK shows that he proposals published last veek by Gordoo Prentice, MP Bill would hooour Labour's manifesto commitment to give ng support across all ages and ocial classes. The legislation rould allow the public freedom o wolk on designated areas of nountain, moorland, heath, own and common land, subject t "common sense" restrictions t protect crops and animals. NDP found that just 13 per ent believed their local MP sould not back the Bill, comgred with 85 per ceot who unted them to vote for it and

Sier cent who didn't know. Support was strong in areas otale and moorland where the o asures would have most impst, with residents in Scotland. th North East, North West ar Yorkshire all backing the

de by at least 79 per cent. he Bill will receive its Secon Reading next month and Laour MPs are anxious that it gs the government backing neded to ensure its passage.

Achael Meacher, the Enviroment minister, will publish his on proposals in the next few wees, but they are expected to recomend voluntary agreemeis between landowners and emcils to increase access.

B contrast the Prentice little to show for our patience."



John Smith: Labour leader promised a right to roam

roam by imposing big fines on landowners who do not comply.

The Bill is becoming known as the "John Smith Memorial Bill" in recognition of the pledge by the former Labour leader to introduce a right to roam; the issue has a strong emotional pull oo the Parliamentary Labour Party.

More than 140 MPs, including four ministers and two former cabinet ministers, are likely to back the proposals Many are furious at speculation that the Government will kill the Bill by refusing it parliamentary time.

Mr Prentice said last night that the poll result proved the popularity of the Right to Roam

"The Government is faced with a stark choice: it could go along with the leaks published in the press recently that it will hand landowoers a veto over access, or it could back legislation such as mine," he said.

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Nato sets deadline on Serb air strikes

SERBIA AND the federal Yu- BY RUPERT CORNWELL goslav government have in effect been given ooe final week hour-long encounter as "tense to agree to the major powers' peace plan for Kosovo, or face Nato air strikes to break Belgrade's hold oo the overwhelmingly Albanian province.

That blunt message was debouillet conference between room for bargaining Serbs and ethnic Kosovo Albanians by the US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, yesterday, in a visit that brought the two sides face-to-face for the first time since the talks began eight days earlier.

Ms Albright spent more than three hours in the former royal chateau in talks with the two delegations, before returning to Paris for a meeting of foreign ministers of the six-nation Contact Group, which was expected to authorise the extension of negotiations for a settlement of the year-long war.

blamed Belgrade for the imbright indicated that while the the agreement more or less as it stood, the Serbs were still Rambouillet. holding out - although, she noted drily, "they seemed very interested in what I had to success in Rambouillet were no say". The Serb version of her more than 50:50, they were meeting with Milan Milutinovic, the Serbian President, was much blunter, with one Bel- at least managing to get the two

and uncomfortable" and a "rather one-way conversation". What the Secretary of State had to say was that, unless Belgrade accepted the package, it would face Nato air strikes. There livered to the stalled Ram- was, she warned, "very little

> The heat is squarely oo the Serbs, who have blocked any real progress at Rambouillet by insisting the ethnic Albanians formally endorse the statement of 10 principles issued when the two sides were summoned to negotiate a fortnight ago, and which grant Kosovo a wide measure of autonomy. The ethnic Albanians are

reluctant to so do because the document makes no reference to a referendum on independeoce ooce the three-year interim period covered by the draft agreement is over. But as Leaving no doubt that she Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, complained last week, passe in the negotiations, Ms Al- the Serbian demand is irrelevant since both sides implic-Albanian side were ready to sign itly accepted the 10 principles when they agreed to come to

> Though diplomats last night were stressing that the odds of



Albright: Reach deal in one week or Nato will strike

a week of sometimes meandering "proximity talks" coo-ducted by US, European and

The stakes now could not be higher, for all involved. In anticipation of an agreement, preparations for a 30,000-strong Nato peace-keeping force are in full swing; Britain is prepositioning equipment and has 8,000 men on full alert to go to the Balkans, while on Saturday President Bill Clinton gave the clearest indication yet that up to 4,000 US ground troops would take part.

But failure of the talks would bring disarray and crisis all round. Within the contact group, France and Italy are far less keen on air strikes than the

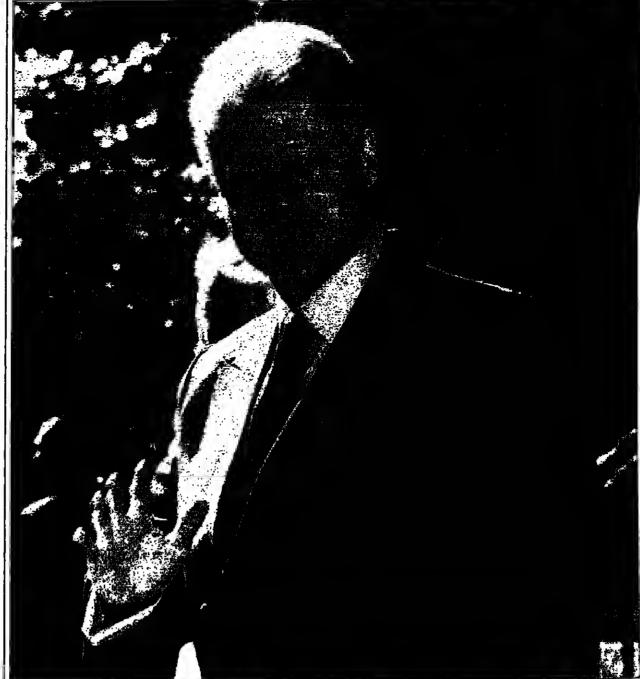
US, while Russia flatly oppos es them. There is disagreement too about whether Nato should act without prior specific endorsement from the United Nations. On the ground, fighting would almost certainly increase in spring.

The conference was at a fork, Ms Albright declared. One way led to "chaos, disaster and more killing", the other "to a rational solution thet will achieve peace, democracy and human rights for Kosovo". That choice at least had been recognised by the two sides in Rambouillet.

Especially important is the annex covering Kosovo's security. Under the present draft, Yugoslavia would be allowed to keep only 4,000 troops and security force members in Kosovo, compared with the present 14,000 or more.

There would be 1,500 permitted as border police, along-side 2,500 police, who would operate until Kosovo's own police force, stipulated by the agreement, is set up. But, as Tony Blair and Pres-

ident Clinton said at the weekend, those ground troops will go in only if Rambouillet produces a settlement. There is no question of risking Western soldiers' lives in what the planners call a "non-permissive environment" - that is, as peaceimposers, not peace-keepers, to all intents and purposes at war



President Clinton leaving the Foundry Methodist Church in Washington yesterday

Washington returns to life after Monica

FROM THE President to the BY MARY DEJEVSKY politicians to the media, it was back to something like normal this weekend, as everyone tried to put the year-long drama of impeachment behind them.

For the first time in months, the White House sex scandal and its aftermath shared the headlines - with talks over Kosovo, disruption from an airline strike, and local news.

After attending church - as he has done most Sundays through the crisis - the President left for Mexico on a visit that had been rescheduled so he did not appear to be fleeing the Senate verdict. The White House gave an account of his weekend activities (dinner with his wife, reading in preparation for Mexico) designed to give the impression of quiet normality and no rejoicing at Friday's acounttal_

Mrs Clinton was said to be deciding whether she should run for the New York Senate

in Washington

seat being vacated by Pat Moynihan. Mr Moynihan - said to be im-

patient for her to make up her mind and not regarded as one of her biggest fans - said that if she decided to run, she would win. The White House chief of staff, John Podesta, concurred, telling a television talk show yesterday: "I think that if she does run, she'll win, and if she wins, she'll make a great Unit-

With a few notable exceptions, the politicians left town within hours of the Senate verdict - senators, professing themselves tired and keen to see their families again, Representatives intent on putting distance between the year of scandal and the legislative business of the year that awaits. Today's Presidents Day holiday,

with its week-long congres-

ed States senator."

sional recess and the school half-term week that follows, have given everyone an opportunity to make for the ski slopes or beaches - and they have done just that.

Even the residual echoes of the Monica Lewinsky case were - probably only temporarily - tuned out. Staff at the Office of the Independent Counsel. Kenneth Starr, were said to be divided about whether to indict Mr Clinton on perjury or obstruction of justice charges! while he was still in office, or even afterwards.

■ John Kasich, a tax-cutting Ohio Republican, who chairs the House Budget Committee said that he would embark today oo the first stage of a rur for the presidency. Mr Kasich 46, a convincing public speak er who projects himself as the voice of the ordinary American has kept himself on the side lines of the Clintoo impeach ment battle.

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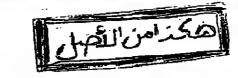
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US anger as Turkey welcomes Aziz

TO WASHINGTON'S anger, By Justin Huggler Turkey is to break ranks with in Istanbul Nato allies as it welcomes Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minster, for bilateral talks today. Details of who Mr Aziz will meet, and exactly what is on his agenda, remained undisclosed yesterday, but Turkey is in the process of renewing its support for American policy

We don't understand the decision to host Tariq Aziz at airbase. Mr Aziz said be would this time." said a spokesman for ask Ankara to withdraw per-

the US State Department last

Turkey, an important American ally in the Middle East, and the only Nato member bordering Iraq, is a vital link in US strategy. American and British jets patrolling tha no-fly zone over Northern Iraq mount their flights from Turkey's Incirlik

base. Turkish opposition parties have also been calling on the government to put Incirlik back under full Turkish control

But the Turkish Foreign Minister, Ismail Cem, insisted on Friday that the flights would continue. "It is a decision made by parliament and only the parliament can change it," be said. "The government cannot do anything about it and does not have that intention in any case." Turkey's parliament,

which approved the use of the airbase for the patrols until the end of June, has been dissolved ahead of April elections.

Turkey's motive in welcom-

ing Mr Aziz is unclear. The official Iraqi News Agency claims Ankara invited Mr Aziz. The Turkish Foreign Ministry says Iraq initiated the visit. "We have to live in this region." said a Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman. "We have suffered a lot since the Gulf War. We want peace and stability on our

borders." Turkey's adminis-tration has been deeply critical of US foreign policy on Iraq. Bulent Ecevit, who became Prime Minister last month, said recently that American attacks on Iraq "seem to have gone too far". Mr Ecevit ordered the re-

view of Turkish support for Washington's Iraq policy. Iraq has attacked Turkey for that support, calling it a "hideout of evil". Last month, at Ankara's request, US Patriot missiles were installed at Incirlik to defend against possible Iraqi missile attacks.

Among Mr Ecevit's chief concerns is the possibility that American support for Iraqi opposition groups may lead to the break-up of Iraq, and the formulation of a Kurdish state in the north of the country.

Ankara fears that would provide Turkey's own Kurdish rebels, the Kurdistan Workers" Party (PKK), with a base to launch attacks on Turkey. "I don't know if the United

its policy, the steps it has taken, are going in that direction."

Economics may be another factor. Before the 1991 Gulf talks with Mr Aziz would not be War, Iraq was a major trading partner for Turkey, and Turkey has suffered economically as a result of UN sanctions on Iraq. Turkey claims the sanctions have cost it \$30bn since 1991. Some trade returned under the UN oil-for-food deal, which

allows Iraq to sell \$5,2bn of oil

state," Mr Ecevit has said. "But sential goods. But Iraq was reported to have diverted most of this trade to Jordan and Syria. Mr Ecevit insisted that the

secret and details would be

made public. The British ambassador in Moscow is investigating reports that Russia has breached UN sanctions by agreeing to overhaul and upgrade Iraq's MiG fighters

Afghan tribes take on the Rambo myth

WHEN THE Hollywood moguls BY JASON BURKE dedicated Rambo III - in which in Islamabad Sylvester Stallone singlehandedly liberates most of Afghanistan from the Soviet Union they felt they were celebrating men who had fought a just war gol-descended Hazaras - who

tainty would be unlikely now. Soviet tanks clattered out of aided by Iran - a predomi-Afghanistan and the West cel- nantly Shia country. ebrated Communism's greatest defeat. Within a few years the publics, and Moscow, are wor-Soviet regime would collapse ried that the Taliban harbour and the Cold War would be officially over

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Yet Afghanistan is still strain that tears at the fabric of the modern world. Ethnicity, oil, religious sectarianism, Islamic or simply territory – you name fighting over it.

Unhappily, most of the fighters are sponsored by countries who are pursuing their own interests on Afghan soil. At least six countries are known to be seeing the Taliban as a way of supplying munitions or money to the factions who fill the mountain valleys and the desert Not only have the Taliban failed plains with the sound of fire to halt the massive production from rockets and Kalashnikovs. At least a dozen other countries

are indirectly involved. The unboly broth of Afghan politics has three main ingredients: ethnic strife, religious animosity and crude

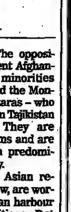
The Taliban, the hardline Islamic militia that now control 80 per cent of the country, largely represent the majority Pashtun tribes. They are Sunni Mus-

Sunni countries. The opposition forces represent Afghanto the country's brave people", istan's ethnic minorities -Tajiks, Uzbeks and the Monagainst an evil enemy. Such cer-receive support from Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. They are Ten years ago today, the last largely Shia Muslims and are

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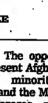
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expansionist ambitions. But money may be the real key to the continuing conflict. For sevracked with bitter conflict. Al- eral years a number of multithough its 20 million people national conglomerates have survived nearly two decades on wanted to build a pipeline from the front line of the Cold War, the oilfields around the Caspithey are now blighted with an Sea through Afghanistan to every conceivable stress and Pakistan and the Arabian Sea. The financial benefits to the states involved are potentially huge. One of the main reasons extremism, terrorism, drugs the Pakistanis have supported the Taliban has been the belief it, in Afghanistan somebody is that the militia are the only people capable of maintaining security along the pipeline route. In this morass, the Ameri-

cans have been stumbling in a way Rambo did not. Initially countering Iran's interests they have now turned against them. of opium and heroin but they have been sheltering a substantial number of active terrorists. The 75 cruise missiles that were fired into the east of

There are probably fewer than 50,000 armed men in Afghanistan, However, because of them, and their puppetmasters, the whole country is conlims and receive support from demned to poverty, anarchy and a grim cycle of destruction.





Ultra-orthodox Jews invade a building site for a "mass prayer" in protest against alleged religious persecution by Israel's Supreme Court

000 Orthodox Jews oppose rule of law

MORE THAN 100,000 ultra-Orthodox Jews rallied at the entrance to Jerusalem yesterday in the most strident challenge to the rule of law in Israel's 50-

year history. Their target was the liberal Supreme Court, which has incensed them with rulings in favour of the more flexible Reform Judaism and against the wholesale exemption of yeshiva seminarists from military

conscription. "We came bere to call on the

Supreme Court to end its persecution of Judaism and the great rabbis," Rabbi Menachem Porush, the 83-year-old leader of the Agudat Yisrael

party, told reporters. Their campaign has put the Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, on the spot. The ultra-Orthodox represent barely 8 per cent of the electorate. hut

he needs their votes to win the

May elections. They backed him en masse in 1996.

Walking a tightrope, he said: statements against the Supreme Court and the justices. At the same time, I can't accept generalisations branding an entire segment of the population

as marginal." He called for dialogue and reconciliation, but there was little of either around yesterday. In language reminiscent of

the incitement that preceded

the assassination of the Labour Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin three years ago, other rabbis

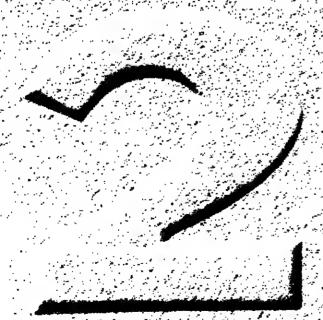
> semitism and of being an "enemy of the Jewish people". Placards waved at yesterday's demonstration insisted: "There is no law above the law of the Torah." Others demand-

> Judaism" and to the "dictatorship" of the courts.

restraint from President Ezer in the end their main task was Weizman and Mr Netanyahu, controlling the traffic. the rabbis restricted them-"I denounce harsh, insulting last week accused the Chief selves to a pray-in, with men ister, Tzahi Hanegbi, joined the Justice, Aharon Barak, of anti- and women separated as they would be in an Orthodox synagogue. The nearest to a call to battle was the ritual blowing of

> the ram's horn. The Orthodox rally - and a smaller one in support of the ed an end to "the destruction of court in a park a quarter of a mile away - dispersed peacefully. The police were deployed Responding to appeals for in force to keep them apart, but

Mr Netanyahu's Justice Minsecular demonstration, warning against a "threatening cloud" hanging over tolerance. Yitzhak Rabin's daughter, Dalia, noted that her father was murdered by a man who felt he did not have to obey the law. "Every Israeli citizen," she said, "should rise against any party that challenges the basis of democracy, which is the courts."







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US evidence of terror links to blitzed medicine factory was 'totally wrong'

By Andrew Marshali in Washington

AN INDEPENDENT organisation's investigation of last year's US missile attack on a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan has concluded that there was no evidence to link the facility or its owner to international

Six months after the attack, every effort to substantiate the US claims about the factory has reached similar conclusions: that some of them are wrong or out of date, and others are based on sheer speculation.

The US admitted within days that some of its "evidence" was wrong. Since then it has produced many new allegations, all given anonymously to the press, but no new evidence.

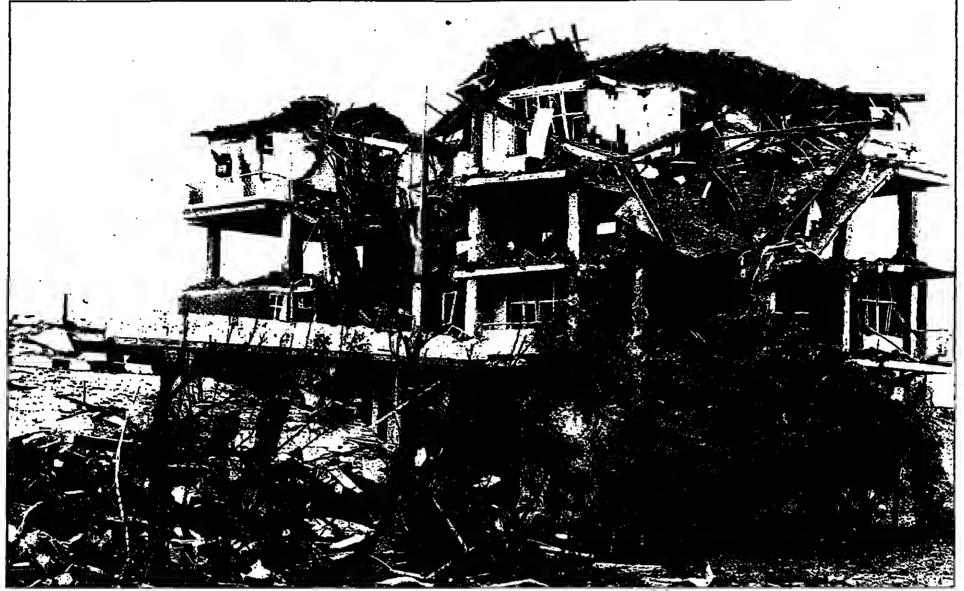
The latest report was commissioned from the London office of Kroll Associates, the New York-based investigator. It was hired by the US lawyers representing Salah Idris, the Saudi owner of the pharmaceutical factory, but set its own terms for the inquiry and acted independently.

Kroll's credentials are unimpeachable. Many of its emnlovees are former intelligence and law enforcement officials of the British and American government, and it has also heen hired by several governments, including the US.

Mr Idris' lawyers are preparing to take action in the next few weeks to recover compensation for the attack and the unfreezing of his assets. But "his primary and overriding concern is his own reputation", said one source familiar with the case. He said that the lawyers still hoped to settle the case through dia-

logue with the US government. The factory was attacked on 20 August last year, after two US embassies, in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, had been blown up. The US identified the culprit as Osama bin Laden, the tions to the Sudanese militaryrenegade Saudi-born million-

aire based in Afghanistan. Operation Infinite Reach hit a camp in Afghanistan, and Mr facility is part. We know with Idris' factory, where one man was killed. The US said both duces a precursor that is were directly linked to Mr bin unique to the production of VX Laden: one was a base for his [nerve gas]," he said.



The Al-Shifa pharmaceutical factory after the US bombing in Khartoum. There is no evidence to show it produced chemical weapons

forces and the other was a plant where he had been preparing chemical weapons. An unidentified intelligence official explained the chain of

reasoning shortly after. We know that Bin Laden has made financial contribuindustrial complex. That's a distinct entity of which we believe the Shifa pharmaceutical high confidence that Shifa pro-

"We have no evidence, have seen no commercial products that are sold out of this facility. The facility also has a secured perimeter and it's patrolled by the Sudanese military. It's an unusual pharmaceutical facility."

The US had one hard piece of information: a soil sample, collected by an agent who passed the sample on to the US, which tested positive for EMPTA - a chemical that can be used to make VX nerve gas. The testing of the sample had been done hy a reputable independent organisation.

Within hours, the plant was swarming with journalists. Some facts emerged to dent the picture the US had created. The factory in Sudan was not owned by the military-industrial Complex; it was owned by Mr Idris, who had bought it earlier in the year. And it did, after all, make pharmaceutical products.

The US changed tack. "According to intelligence, the Shifa plant's owner, (Saleh Idris), is a front man or agent for Bin Laden." the Los Angeles Times reported on 1 September, quoting anonymous

intelligence officials, Again, no involved. Nor did it know evidence was adduced. The same day, US officials briefed Congress on the evidence against Mr Idris. The evidence was "new and not fully evaluated", they said.

The government admitted that some of the evidence for the attack was "inference". It believed Osama bin Laden was trying to gain access to weapons of mass destruction through

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whether chemical weapons had been produced at the plant, or just stored there.

The claims against Mr Idris cannot have counted in the decision to attack, since the evidence was apparently accumulated after the attack.

In late September, Mr Idris' bank account with the Bank of America in London was frozen on the orders of the White House, and in October it was reknow that the Al-Shifa plant was was involved with Egyptian ness transaction with him.

Islamic Jihad, an ally of Mr bin Laden. Kroll investigated Mr Idris and the factory, and found little to hack up any of the The US was said to have sus-

pected that some of Mr Idris' friends and the manager of the Al-Shifa plant were colleagues of Mr bin Laden. Kroll investigated these people, and found no evidence of any contact or relationship between Mr Idris and Mr bin Laden, though a previous part-owner of the facever actually had, and it did not mous sources) that Mr Idris tory had conducted one busi-



The factory was not patrolled by military guards; it lacked the facilities to produce any chemicals, let alone those for nerve gas; and there were multiple vitnesses to attest to all of this.

The sample also came under further investigation. New samples were removed and tested by an independent laboratory. They showed no evidence of EMPTA or EMPA, the chemical to which it would have decayed. Nor did others from a septic tank that had survived the attack.

After four months, Kroll's investigators stated that there was no evidence to back up any of the US claims.

There are other indications that all is not well with this case. Britain supported the US strikes – in public. In private. British officials are sceptical.

While Mr Idris is banned from entering the US, he has few problems entering or leaving the UK to visit his flat off the Edgware Road in central London. In Egypt, he maintains an apartment in Cairo, and visits at will, Yet the US says he is suspected of links with the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, a group against which the government in Cairo is fighting a war. He has also visited Saudi Arabia, of

which he remains a citizen. It was not only abroad that the evidence was not believed. After the event, some (again anonymous) administration officials said they now believed the strike had been a mistake.

It emerged that the Joint Chiefs of Staff had not been informed until the day of the attack, and neither the FBI nor the Defense Intelligence

for Iraq via Iran. Other sources

claim Mr bin Laden's "disap-

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OSAMA BIN Laden, held re- By Jason Burke sponsible for the embassy bombings in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam last year that claimed

Two days ago, the Taliban authorities in Afghanistan who have been sheltering Mr hin Laden said he had "disap-

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leader of the hardline Islamic militia and a friend of the Saudi millionaire, said: "I cannot definitely say whether Sheikh Osama is in Afghanistan or try. I do not know where he is." Pakistani intelligence offi-

cers said Mr bin Laden had been seen in the western

the threat of further American A Western diplomat in Pak-

istan said: "If they [the Taliban] say they don't know where Bin Laden is then the Americans can hardly smack them with a

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Oblitzed wrong' Chinese chuck out the chintz

CITY LIFE PEKING

MOST CHINESE notions of simple, elegant design disappeared in the mid-17th century with the Ming Dynasty, but a private revolution is under way inside Pekingers' homes. Western style gurus may sneer, but Peking is suddenly enthralled by colour coordinated sofa coverings, laminated wooden flooring, matching sheets and curtains. and even schnapps glasses. China's emerging middle class has never seen anything like it.

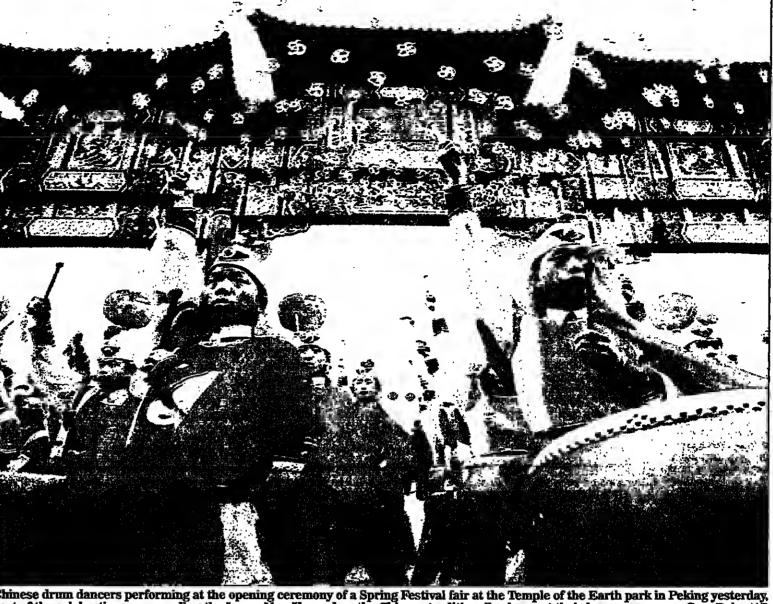
Ikea has hit Peking, and half a million visitors have rolled up to see for themselves in the past seven weeks. The Scandinavian furnishings group has opened its first store in the Chinese capital, bringing traffic to a standstill as up to 35,000 visitors turned up one Saturday to marvel at visions of flat-pack furniture and eac Swedish meathalls in the in-store café. "We've stayed here nearly two hours," said 25-year-old Gong Jiawen. who was taking a rest on some rafia chairs with her parents. Her 56-year-old father said: "It's interesting, it is simple, it is clean, a fresh feeling."

China's housing reform has stalled with the economic slowdown, but millions of families have already bought their own apartments over the past couple of years, in a privatisation similar to the Thatcher council bouse sell-off in the UK. And

there is nothing like home ownership to transform the way Chinese people feel about their apartments. When the flats belonged to the factory or ministry, no one was interested in spending money on refitting the bathroom, but now that the work units have handed over the property deeds, interior

decoration is all the rage.
Tomorrow is Chinese New Year, the country's biggest annual holiday, and one that traditionally has involved cleaning the home. As the Year of the Rabbit rings in, many families are indulging in much more than just the ritual sweep of the kitchen, preferring to rip out the wbole thing and start again. Household fittings and furniture are now the desired items for the upwardly mobile.

At Ikea, the schnapps glasses have sold out, presumably diverted for use with maotai rice wine. And furniture with hidden storage capacity or which folds away is proving a hit in a city where living space is cramped and crowded. "At bome we do not have enough space, with six of us in just two bedrooms and a living room," explained Cui Zhonghui, a 47year-old cook, as he climbed back down a ladder from a bunkbed unit suspended above a desk and office arrangement.



Chinese drum dancers performing at the opening ceremony of a Spring Festival fair at the Temple of the Earth park in Peking yesterday, part of the celebrations surrounding the Lunar New Year, when the Chinese traditionally clear out their homes

Greg Baker/AP

Unexpected quick movers have included a large amount of baking ware. "Td heard that Chinese people don't bake, but either the expatriate community have all their cupboards full of baking equipment, or else there are lots of Chinese starting to bake," said the store

are Ikea's complete room setcan find whole families settling down on the sofas or inspecting the cupboards. Some cusjars of hot tea as they lounge about. "The exhibition is like a home," said Wang Shaokun, 28, a primary school teacher. Mr Gustavsson said some visitors want to copy whole set-up rooms as a job-lot. "Many of the

manager, Gordon Gustavsson. Favourite with the visitors tings on the top floor, where one rooms proved the most

customers say, 'OK, I'll have one of those!" In a straw poll conducted by The Indepen-dent, the kitchens and bath-

With three times as many visitors some weeks as the

tomers actually bring out their store had anticipated, it is all a hit overwhelming for the store manager. "Some days, all you see is a

lot of people, and as a Scandinavian, I'm not that used to that amount of people! They are parking all over the place." The shop stopped all advertising before the formal January opening, because it could not cope with the crush.

Zhu Chuandong, a 40-year old computer expert who bought his apartment two years ago, said: "It brings to the should be more decorative be-

people a new lifestyle, it is difsides being functional," she ferent from the traditional Chinese consumption concepts." The most common request in

The restrained design is comthe Ikea Suggestion Box in Peking is that the store intropletely alien to China, where interior decoration usually duce a home interior design serinvolves bright colours, shiny vice to take the anxiety out of gold and mirrors, a multitude choosing from the sleek new offerings. But so far Ikea has of patterns, and even such special touches as fake Greek made just a single concession to local prejudices, with Peking columns and plastic fruit. One woman who did not want to the only one of its stores to sell give ber name was unsure: chopsticks. Swedish-designed "The design and colour is a bit chopsticks? "No, just chopsimple. I think the kitchen sticks," said Mr Gustavsson. TERESA POOLE

Science delays the 21st century

By Teresa Poole

CHINAS party-pooping scientists have decided the 21st cen-tury will begin on 1 January 2001. The decision was taken after a careful perusal of Web-ster's New World Dictionary and the Gregorian calendar, the state media announced at the weekend. Not mentioned was the six-year study by the China National Committee for Natur al Scientific Terms, which more than two years ago decreed that the millennium should indeed start on 1 January 2000.

The country's decision to postpone the next century could well prove politically convenient. The country has already set 2000 as the deadline for wiping out poverty and iodine deficiency, but it is clear that even by its own measures this will not be achieved in the next ten and a half months. Suddenly, the government can claim it really meant the end of 2000. But it is also just as well that Peking was not chosen for the 2000 summer Olympics as, back at the time of the bidding war, China repeatedly said the games would symbolise the mainland's emergence as a 21st-century world power.

Wang Jinxiu, director of the Astronomy Committee of the Chinese Academy of Sciences said "strong support" for his committee's decision had come from looking up the word "cen-tury" in Webster's. It read: "AD 1801 through AD 1900 is the 19th century AD," and was quoted on the front page of the China Daily. Should the 20th century be deemed to end on the stroke of 1 January 2000 after just 99 years, it would cause "a myriad of troubles which are not limited to calendar-setting institutes and keepers of historical records", the newspaper said.

The truth is that China has shown very little interest in millennium celebrations so far, whenever they take place. This is because its efforts are focused on hosting an extravaganza on 1 October 1999 to mark the 50th anniversary of the People's Republic - a date set in stone. For ordinary peone, the tradition Lunar New Year is far more symbolic anyway, with the country this year already shutting down to welcome the Year of the Rabbit tomorrow.

The one anniversary China's leaders would dearly like to reschedule is this year's 10th commemoration of the 4 June 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown. Unfortunately for the government not even the mighty brains at the Chinese Academy of Sciences can postpone that one.

Peking turns off neon for Mao's golden day

IN A THROWBACK to the days when Maoist China banned advertising as a symbol of bourgeois capitalism, Peking appears to be reviving the tradition of socialist purity. The central government bas ordered the removal of all neon advertisements, advertising biliboards and company logos from the heart of the city as part of a spiritual "clean-up" for this year's 50th anniversary of the founding of the People's

Republic, on 1 October. The ban covers Tiananmen BY TERESA POOLE

Square and the main central drag, the Avenue of Eternal Peace, and has prompted an angry response from China's nascent advertising industry and the companies that advertise at these prestige locations. Most of these are foreign, and the advertisements range from Japanese electronic goods to XO cognac, Western brandname clothes and even paint.

China is already gearing up

tor the massive celebration and propaganda blitz planned for 1 October and the thought of so many glaring foreign corporate names as the backdrop for this patriotic jamboree clearly upset the publicity cadres. It was at Tiananmen Gate on 1 October 1949 that Chairman Mao proclaimed that the Chinese people had "stood up", but if the Great Helmsman were to stand on the same spot today, he would gaze out upon a vista enlivened by McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken signs.

The veto seems bound to arfect about 300 advertising for Kodak China that sits atop hoardings and 500 buildings, many of which earn substantial revenues from bosting adverts or neon signs. "This spells a huge loss for our company," said Han Fenglai at the Peking Olympics Advertisement company (nothing to do with the Games), the agency that handles many of the advertisements along the boulevard, which is known as Chang'an Avenue in Chinese. One of the casualties is China's largest

the Peking Postal Service Management Bureau.

It is when such central government edicts are handed down that companies discover their contracts suddenly seem to have no legal force. Many foreign advertisers, who have spent money building the large advertisements and arranging the sites, will have no chance of appeal even though the contracts they signed have not yet

is known around the world from the picture of the man standing defiant in front of a tank during the June 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown. Since then the wide boulevard has been transformed by China's economic boom, with huge buildings emerging on both sides. The sprouting of the advertisements and neon signs has mostly happened in the past four

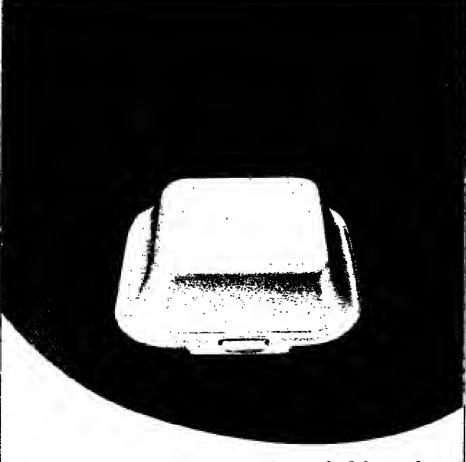
years. When the offending signs

have all been removed, non-

The Avenue of Eternal Peace ings. No one has yet said when the advertisements will be allowed back.

The clean-up will extend to more than just ridding the scene of adverts. Fountains and statues, new rubbish bins, brighter streetlights and traffic signals for the blind will all be in place by October. The central section will be repaved with granite paving stones, just like Tiananmen Square itself, which is also undergoing a makeover commercial neon lights will be for the anniversary.

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Ethiopia starts port offensive

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The offensive began early in the morning, using planes and helicopter gunships to bombard Eritrean positions about 70 kilometres west of the port city. Heavy shelling reportedly continued throughout the day.

An M1-24 helicopter was shot down by Eritrean forces at 9am, said the Eritrean government. The presidential adviser Yemane Gebremeskel said identity cards from the dead crew had been retrieved. He said no troop movements had been reported, but described the attack as an attempt

in Asmara

to "soften the front line" for further attack.

The Red Sea port of Assah crucial to land-locked Ethiopia - which, until the conflict began last May provided 90 per cent of all transactions in the port. When Eritrea won independence from Ethiopia in 1993, Ethiopia secured access to the Red Sea through bilateral agreement and co-operation.

Since the conflict, Ethiopia has resorted to using the port of neighbouring Djibuti.

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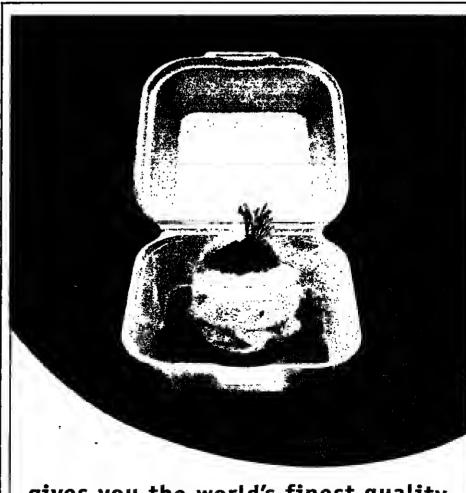
IRANIAN HARDLINERS used the 10th anniversary of the death order against the British writer Salman Rushdie on Saturday to reaffirm their intention to carry out the sentence for blasphemy, despite a diplomatic deal designed to paper over the affair.

Freetown atrocities denied

THE WEST African intervention force in Sierra Leone known as Ecomog yesterday denied a UN report's charges of involvement in atrocities in Freetown last month, but suggested its civilian militia allies may have carried out summary executions.

Chechen rebels in 'state of alert'

A PROMINENT Chechen rebel commander put his soldiers on a state of alert yesterday, the Interfax news agency reported. The statement from Salman Raduyev followed the Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov's accusation on Saturday that a coup was being plotted.



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TV rental groups discuss merger

GRANADA, the hotels and media group, and Nomura, the Japanese investment bank, are in talks about combining their television rentals businesses in a deal that would hring together the two leading players in the industry.

The two are thought to be lobbying the Government to allow the deal even though the husinesses have a combined



share of more than 80 per cent of the declining rentals market. Nomura paid £980m for Thorn, the rentals group, last year and would be keen to combine it with Granada's business, which made a profit of £92m in the year to last September. A sale would allow Granada, whose chairman is Gerry Robinson pictured), to concentrate on its television, hotels and catering operations.

Nat Power may float overseas arm

NATIONAL POWER, the electricity group, is weighing np a partial flotation of its international businesses in an attempt to reverse the City's reluctance to put a full value nn the operations. The utility may seek a stock market listing for the international arm next year to crystallise its value, which could be as much as £1.5bn.

BP writes down stake in Sidanko

BRITISH PETROLEUM is this week expected to write down the value of its stake in Sidanko, the Russian oil group which has sought protection from its creditors. BP is likely to write down part of its 10 per cent stake, valued at around \$500m. It comes amid a fresh round of senior casualties following BP's merger with Amoco, the US oil group.

Correction: The photograph printed in Saturday's Briefing was not of Peter Rogers, chief executive of the Independent Television Commission, but of Sir Robin Biggam, chairman of the television watchdog.

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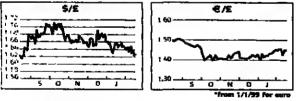
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Brown to miss borrowing target as recession arrives

THE CHANCELLOR WILL miss BY DIANE COYLE his targets for Government borrowing as a result of the economic slowdown, according to a new warning from one of the country's leading groups of economic forecasters.

ably declining this quarter, says a report published today, as Treasury officials finalise the forecasts to be published in the 9 March Budget. They will be 1999, although probably more upbeat about next year.

Economics Editor

tax revenues and Government spending are just as sensitive to the business cycle as ever. The danger of a plunge into deficit Britain is already in recession, with national output probomy key to Gordon Brown's ability to meet his fiscal rules.

The latest caution about the outlook for this year comes at the start of a crucial week of figless optimistic about growth in ures that should give a clearer idea of how severe the economic downturn is likely to be. Good The Treasury will also pubnews on last month's retail lish new research showing that sales, due Thursday, and un-

employment, due on Wednesday, will be needed to offset the alarm triggered by extremely weak figures for manufacturing output last week.

In addition public sector borrowing figures for January, to be published today, will reveal how good a base next year's flnances will start from. City analysts expect the surplus for 1998/99 to beat the latest Government target by anything

between £2bn and £10bn. In addition, the latest retail price figures and minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee, at which it cut interest rates by

an unexpected 0.5 per cent, will measure by the end of this be scrutinised for clues about further rate cuts. Today's joint report from the London Businomic Forecasting says the

MPC has been too timid. It says: "Even at 5 per cent, the low point in UK interest rates would still be around the level at which US rates recently peaked."

The recession will nevertheless be very mild thanks to spending. the fact that interest rates have fallen faster and earlier than in previous economic cycles. Even so, unemployment will climb to 16 million on the claimant count two years.

year, and 1.8 million by late

GDP in 1999 as a whole will ness School and Oxford Eco- be 0.4 per cent higher than last year, the London Business School report predicts. The downgrade of its forecast for growth means the economists also now expect Gordon Brown to breach his "Golden Rule" that Government borrowing should not exceed its investment

> Higher spending on benefits and lower tax revenues mean this year's surplus will turn to "sizeable" deficits in the next

The report says: "Our forecast suggests that, as long as the recession is shallow and short-lived, the Government should be able to muddle through these fiscal challenges without having to raise

taxes." However, it also says that tax increases would be needed to keep Government borrowing on a "prudent" path if there is a more typical downturn.

The report adds that there is no scope for the Chancellor to use fiscal policy to boost the economy. Lower interest rates are needed to keep the recession shallow.

Civil servant grilled over rail sell-off

BY MICHAEL HARRISON **Business Editor**

THE TOP civil servant at John Prescott's Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions will receive a grilling today from MPs over the way the sale of Railtrack shortchanged taxpayers by up to

£1.5bn. Sir Richard Mottram, Permanent Secretary at the DETR, will appear before the Commons Public Accounts Committee to be quizzed over the National Audit Office's (NAO) highly criticial report into the

The controversy about the Railtrack flotation has flared up again, with reports over the weekend suggesting that the Government could have raised an extra £1bn by conducting an auction of the husiness. Trade buyers including Stagecoach, the transport group, and the Japanese bank Nomura had expressed an interest in buying the business.

In its report, the NAO concluded that the Railtrack sale could have fetched an extra £600m to £1.5bn had it been carried out in stages. The flotation in May, 1996, raised a total of £1.9bn but Railtrack has quadrupled in value since then. Appearing alongside Sir

Richard will be David Freud and James Sassoon of the investment bank SBC Warburg Dillon Read, who advised the then Conservative government on the sale. Warburgs was also criticised by the NAO for having had a potential conflict of interest because it was both the adviser to the government and co-ordinator of the actual flota-

However, the NAO report itself was also widely criticised when it was published in December last year for failing to mention the pivotal role played by Clare Short, Labour's spokeswoman on transport, at

the time of the flotation. Ms Short was held to have been partially responsible for the under-valuation of Railtrack because of her threats to renationalise the business once Labour got into power. In the Railtrack prospectus she wrote that "dependent on availability of resources, and as priortities allow" Labour would "seek by appropriate measures to extend public ownership and control over Railtrack".

It was this statement that persuaded the government and its advisers to rush through the sale and sell 100 per cent of the shares, rather than an initial 60 per cent or 80 per cent, as the NAO recommended.

In the event, Railtrack shares did not begin to rise sharply until after Labour came into power, Ms Short was moved from the transport brief and it became clear that the threat of renationalisation would not be carried through

NAO officials were furious at the criticisms made of the report and are thought to have briefed members of the Public Accounts Committee ahead of today'a



A young fan walking through the tunnel at Old Trafford after shopping in the club megastore. If Manchester United gets planning permission for an 8,000 square foot superstore in Dublin it will dwarf the Old Trafford shop

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ManU to open flagship store in Dublin

MANCHESTER UNITED is By PETER THAL LARSEN planning to capitalise nn its large supporter base in the Republic of Ireland by opening a flagship store in Dublin.

The football club is seeking

planning permission for an 8.000 square foot superstore, which would be the largest of its kind in the world - even

ford atadium.

The store, which should be open in time for the start of the next football season in

dwarfing the shop at Manchester United's Old Traf-

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August, will be based on an in- 150 retail nutlets around the Monnpolies and Mergers world over the next three Commission, is limiting the years. However, the Dublin development is likely to be nne of the largest.

What's mnre the club, whose £624m takeover by British Sky Broadcasting is under investigation by the

amount of cash it has to invest in the stores by signing up jnint venture partners in the Middle East and Asia who will own and manage the outlets while licensing the brand from Manchester United.

Whitbread poised for Greenalls bid

By PETER THAL LARSEN

is thought to be working on a bid for Greenalls that would value the troubled hotel and pub group at £1.2bn. In the latest example of rapid

consolidation among pub and hotel groups, Whitbread is said to be considering making an offer which would value each Greenalls share at 400p - an 18 per cent premium to last Friday's closing share price of 340p. Both

Whitbread and Greenalls refused to comment on the reports. However, it is un- David Thomas: Whitbread derstood that Greenalls was unaware of its larger rival's intentions and that no discussions have taken place between the two companies.

Meanwhile, Whitbread also ing the Swallow chain of botels owned by Vaux, the Sundergroup which last week parted company with its chief executive and finance director.

Whitbread's interest in Greenalls is likely to have been sparked by its target's dismal share price performance in



chief executive since 1997

spending.

meeting on Thursday.

about a downturn in consumer

Greenalls has also become a more obvious hid target since appears to be interested in buy-selling its portfolio of 1,200 tenanted and franchised pubs to Nomura, the Japanese investland-based brewing and hotel ment bank, for £370m in December. This left the company to concentrate on its managed outlets, which include the Henry's bars and Millers Kitchen food pubs, and its De Vere chain of hotels. Greenalls is also starting a chain of fitness clubs, to be called Greens.

Even though Greenalls has

pledged to return £100m of the proceeds of the pub sale to shareholders, its share price has failed to respond. Greenalls is planning to issue a trading update for investors at its annual Shareholders are likely to be

sympathetic to the prospect of a bid. Hermes, the pension fund manager that owns a 6 per cent stake, has targeted the company as being in need of a shakeup. Fund manager Schroders is Greenalls' largest investor with a 13 per cent shareholding. A takeover would produce ex-

tensive cost savings by allowing Whithread to combine Greenalls' pubs and restaurants with its own while integrating the hotels into its own Marriot chain. However, a bid may encourage other potential buyers such as Scottish & Newcastle, the brewing and pubs group, to enter the fray.

Whitbread would have no trouble funding an offer. Its last reported net borrowings were nust £800m on shareholders' funds of £2.5bn. David Thomas the chief executive, has clinched just one major deal since he took the job in 1997, merging the Thresher chain of off-licences with the Victoria Wine chain owned by Allied Domecq.

Government acts to save Ford plant

BY BARRIE CLEMENT

THE GOVERNMENT has entered confidential talks with Ford amid serious concerns that the car giant might close its Bridgend plant in Wales. Alun Michael, Secretary of

State for Wales, is preparing to fly to the company's Detroit headquarters in an attempt to persuade main board directors to invest in the plant which produces engines for a wide range of cars. The plant employs 1,500 workers, but more than 2,000 jobs are directly linked to the plant, located in an unemployment hlack spot in mid-Glam-

Concern has so far centred on Ford's Dagenham plant because of disappointing sales of the Fiesta. The Essex complex has been on a four-day week since October and short time working is expected to continue until Easter when there will be a three-week shutdown instead of the usual three days. Now, however, concern will switch to

the future of the Welsh plant. The Bridgend plant currently produces Zetec engines for models varying from the Fiesta to the Granada, but the company intends to introduce the 14-15 engine to replace it.

"If Bridgend gets the new en-

doesn't, it will close. It's as simple as that," said one senior

Ford has invested heavily in its complexes at Valencia in Spain and Cologne in Germany but there are no signs yet of a long-term financial commitment towards Bridgend.

It is feared thet manage ment might choose to build the new engine in Cologne at Bridgend's expense. The company has already decided to invest £150m in the German plant where unions have recently signed a radical agreement to introduce flexible working practices to secure the plant'a

In a recent visit to Wales Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, toured the Bridgend plant as a gesture of support for its future and Mr Michael's trip to Detroit will underline the Government's

It is thought that the Welsh Secretary will remind Ford directors of the importance of the plant to the area and will set out the financial incentives available to Ford if they chose the mid-Glamorgan works.

Doug Collins, national officer at the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, emphasised that the Weish plant needed the new engine in order gine it will be secure, but if it to secure its long-term future. hearing.

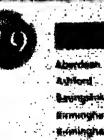
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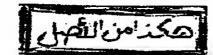


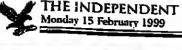
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Central banks are missing the point

FRUSTRATION IS mounting inside the United States Treasury Department. For several years, the US has been the only locomotive for global GDP growth. Recently, however, the US balance of payments position has started to look dangerous. As a result, the US authorities have quite justifiably increased the pressure on Europe and Japan to accept more of the burden of sustaining world growth.

So far, this seems to have fallen on entirely deaf ears at the European Central Bank, which unaccountably seems to believe that 2 per cent GDP growth is perfectly adequate, at least until they can persuade European politicians to introduce new supply-side reforms. Actually, they should be setting themselves an ambitious GDP growth target of 3 to 4 per cent per annum in the next two years, in exchange for more labour market re-

The current atand-off between poblicians and central bankers in Europe about who should be responsible for reducing unemployment is a truly depressing event, and the UK needs to be certain that this stand-off has been overcome before seriously contemplating EMU membership. Such an impasse between the government and the central bank has not, and

would not, happen here. With the continental Europeans determined to continue examining their own navels, American attention has turned back to the Far East. In Japan, there is an even more

GAVYN DAVIES

In Japan, there is a more compelling case than in Europe for measures to stimulate demand

compelling case than in Europe for urgent measures to stimulate demand, but yet again the Japanese authorities somehow seem to have missed this central point, and have instead become embroiled in an arcane dispute about the nature of the central bank balance sheet. The intellectual errors being made inside the Bank of Japan (the BoJ) on this subject need to be overcome before there is much hope of redemption for the wider economy.

The basic problem for Japan during the 1990s has been a shortage of demand. Under normal circumstances, this is an easy problem to fix, simply by cutting interest rates, reducing taxation and stimulating government spending.

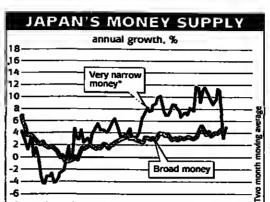
The Japanese authorities have been that the yield on government maining balance sheet in the econ-

during the 1990s, but they have never done them with sufficient vigour to overcome the powerful deflationary forces in tha system. Numerous fiscal packages have stabilised the economy for short periods, but they have never succeeded in turning around the downward momentum in private expenditure (especially investment spending).

Because of these unsuccessful efforts to prop up private demand through fiscal stimulus, the quality of the government's balance sheet has been rapidly degraded. The ratio of gross public debt to GDP is now exactly 100 per cent, and is rising at an explosive rate of 10 percentage points per annum. Such an explosion in public debt is unmatched in any of the crisis emerging economiea, including even Brazil and Russia.

This type of explosion in public

debt would normally be expected to lead to much higher real interest rates as the risk of government default starts to rise. Until the end of last year, the Japanese authorities prevented this from occurring by using public entities like the postal savings system to purchase about 75 per cent of the new bonds issued by the government. But this year, they have announced that the public sector will purchase only about 25 per cent of new government bonds, so the supply/demand balance in the bond market has sharply deteriorated. The result has



bonds has risen from about 0.7 per cent to 2.0 per cent.

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This may not sound too bad but.

because price inflation is negative, it means that the real rate of interest facing the government is likely to exceed 4 per cent later this year. More seriously, the real rate of interest on corporate bonds already exceeds 6 per cent, implying that the burden of corporate debt, which is now over 190 per cent of GDP could also start to explode. Clearly, this could turn into a very nasty spiral, in which high real interest rates lead to negative GDP, debt ratios rise further, "default" premiums rise in the bond market, and real rates rise yet further. If this were allowed to happen, the economy could implode.

The most obvious way out of this dilemma is to use the only re-

96 97 98 1995 1997 omy which is still available to solve the problem with the balance sheet of the central bank. The BoJ has already been a large-scale purchaser of government bonds in the past several years, though it has always

> selling bills back into the market. Recently, it has scaled back these operations for two reasons. First, it is worried about the rate of increase in its overall balance sheet, which had been growing at annual rates of about 40 per cent, but is now growing at only 15 to 20 per cent. This is why narrow money growth has slowed sharply. Second it is worried about both the "liquidity" and the creditworthiness of its assets (i.e. long-dated government bonds and short-dated corporate debt). These concerns are now blocking the BoJ from taking

> the necessary steps to ease mone-

"sterilised" these operations by

tary policy. In fact, they are forcing the central bank to allow an entirely perverse tightening in monetary conditions as bond yields rise.

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JAPAN'S INTEREST RATES

Real corporate Bond yield*

Martin Brookes of Goldman Sachs has recently written a fascinating study of "The Anatomy of the BoJ's Balance Sheet", arguing that both of these concerns are completely misplaced. The key point to recognise is that the central bank is the ultimate source of liquidity in the economy, so it is by definition impossible for it become "illiquid". It is a fallacy to worry about the composition of its asset base as if it were a private sector commercial bank - if its assets become illiquid, or subject to credit downgrades, the BoJ can in the last resort always choose to increase the issuance of banknotes.

uidity is, of course, the fear that this might create inflation. For most central banks in most places at most times, this is a very genuine fear, so there is every reason for an 'orthodox' approach to the creation of money to finance government deficits. But Japan today is the exception. It is facing deflation, not inflation. As even the most stringent monetarist (including Milton Friedman himself) will instantly confirm, the central bank in such circumstances has the right, in fact the duty, to take direct action to expand the money supply - either by purchasing government bonds in the secondary market, or even directly financing a government deficit by

printing money.
So far, despite mounting pressure from LDP politicians, the BoJ has steadfastly set its face against such action, and as a result is now watching the economy sink towards a worsening deflationary spiral. If the BoJ policy board is so stuck in pseudo-orthodox thinking that it fails to realise this, why does it not set itself an inflation target of zero for the next two years? Surely no sane central banker could argue that such a target would lack toughness or credibility. But in order to hit a zero inflation target, the BoJ might well have to print money sooner or later.

Central bankers do not like taking risks. Usually, this means that they prefer doing nothing to taking decisive action. But in Japan today, The ultimate constraint on the ability of a central bank to create lique greatest risk of all.

Anti-smoking aid to boost Bioglan US and UK meet to break open skies' stalemate open skies' stalemate

SMOKERS WHO want to quit will BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA soon be able to "sniff" their daily nicotine dose thanks to a revolutionary product developed by Bioglan, a recently-floated phar-

maceutical company.

The "nicotine sniffer" - a nasal spray - promises to be-come the latest weapon in millions of people's daily struggle to give up smoking.

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developed by the Hertfordshirebased company, uses a burst of highly-pressurised gas to deliver a nicotine dose into the nose.

According to Terry Sadier, the chief executive, the sniffer is more effective than traditional methods such as nicotine patch-

es because the sprayed liquid is absorbed by the mucose in the nose and gets directly into the bloodstream.

Bioglan, which came to the market in December with a £200m flotation, is planning to launch the product in the next 18 months. Mr Sadler believes The device, currently being the sniffer could become a powerful competitor to patches and other therapies aimed at the nine million Britons who try to give up smoking every year.

number of pharmaceutical companies who want to buy the rights to the sniffer. Mr Sadler

said. The market for aids to quit smoking has boomed over the past few years as people and governments have become more health-conscious.

It is estimated that the 1.1bn smokers across the world spend \$500m (£312m) a year on nicotine replacement therapies. In Britain, almost three-quarters of the 13m adult smokers say they would like to stop.

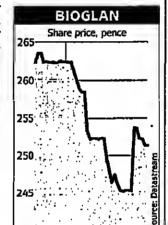
The Government has recently launched an anti-smoking campaign, high-lighting the huge social and economic cost

According to Government figures, more than 120,000 people s year die from smoking,

with hundreds more killed by passive smoking. The habit costs the NHS £1.7bn each year and the Government believes the problem could get worse as more and more young people

take up smoking. The sniffer is a departure from Bioglan's traditional markets. The group specialises in dermatology and last year boosted its portfolio of skincare drugs with the £16m purchase of a batch of products from the pharmaceutical giant

be looking at expanding its portfolio of 50 products with a US ac-



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THE BRITISH and United BY PHILIP THORNTON States governments are to hold "talks about talks" this week in an attempt to diffuse the simmer: 5 row over flights be-

tween the two countries. Transport officials will meet on Thursday and Friday but no airlines will be present.

Airlines are eager for the two sides to sign an "open skies" sgreement that would allow greater competition to the US. from Heathrow. At present only communication" after the talks BA and Virgin and American Airlines and United - can op-

Transport Correspondent

The last talks ended abruptly in October when the American delegation stormed out. This stymied BA's hopes of cementing its alliance with Amer-

lcan Airlines. A spokesman from the British Department of Transport said the Government had kept open 'informal channels of side had made any conces-

Britain is concerned that

opening the door to a range of US carriers could spark a price war, an attitude which the Americans see as harmful. "These are exploratory talks

to see if there is ground from which to move on," said the DoT spokesman. The UK delegation will be led by Tony Baker, director of in-

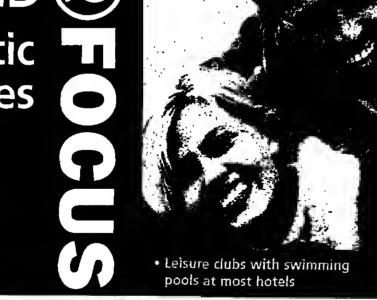
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Taking the private line

News Analysis: The equity market is failing to meet the needs of many of the UK's smaller companies

BY LEA PATERSON

LAST WEEK, Rebus, a computer services group trading in the FTSE SmallCap index, decided to go private. Announcing details of an agreed £172m takeover by two US venture capitalists, Peter Presland, the Rebus chief executive, argued that the stock market simply wasn't interested in smaller

Mr Presland isn't alone in his views. A recent study by the Centre of Management Buyout Research at Nottingham University found the number of public to private deals more than quadrupled in 1998. All the evidence suggests that this trend is set to continue - the equity markets just aren't meeting the needs of many of the UK's smaller quoted companies.

"There is a mass of smaller public companies who are frustrated," said Chris Ward, head of the corporate finance advisory group at Deloitte & Touche. There is a dwindling number of fund managers focused on the smaller end of the market."

For the larger institutional fund manager, investing in small -to-mid cap stocks can be uneconomical. Many are not tracked by City analysts, meaning it can be expensive and time-consuming to pull together company information, Institutional fund managers also find it more efficient to invest large blocks of cash in a single company rather than putting in a couple of million pounds here and there.

index, you end up owning the en-



Christies, the auctioneer, came under the hammer itself in June last year when it was involved in one of the UK's biggest public to private deals

of the mill fund manager. These problems have always dogged small-to-mid cap stocks, and don't seem to have caused them major difficulties up until now. So what's changed?

One factor, according to Mr Ward, is the new European currency. He said: "It's been exacerbated by the euro - a number of larger fund managers have been rebasing their portfolios and need to get the correct weighting of European stocks."

Because liquidity - or the existence of many huyers and many sellers - is valued above all else in the world's capital markets, the exit of a few big players can spark a downward spiral. A few big players exit the market becomes less liquid. A few more players exit - the market becomes even less liquid, and before you know it things have dried up altogether.

Enter the venture capitalists. But if you trade in £100m These specialist firms are albiocks in the small to mid cap ways on the look out for new investments. They are well-suited tire share capital of companies to dealing with smaller compabefore you know it, something nies, tending to favour medium that does not appeal to your run- to long-term investments and

active management of their two US venture capital groups portfolio. Many can hardly believe their luck at the valuations currently being put on smaller quoted companies by the UK ed companies which are strugstock market

"With the low value being placed by the stock market on small cap companies, the trend towards public to private deals can only increase," said Anthony Fawcett, head of acquisition finance at Barclays. There is more opportunity in this area than there has been for some time," said Ed McKinley, partner

at Warburg, Pincus, one of the

the equity markets. As Mr McKinley explained: "You can also bring to a public company a large committed shareholder that does not have the liquidity

which plan to take over Rebus.

solution for those smaller quot-

gling to raise capital cheaply on

Going private is not the only

stitutions, and that shares the goals of the company's board." The difficulty with involving venture capitalists - often the obvious candidates for public-to-

requirements of some of the in-

BUYOUTS ARE BACK IN FASHION UK public to private transactions Number of 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 private takeovers or for stumping up the cash for a long-term company stake - is that it means surrendering some degree of management control. However, there may be another answer - the bond market.

The same week that Rebus decided it had had enough of the equity market, Brixton Estate, a property developer in the FTSE 250, made its first unsecured bond issue. The result? An out-and-out success, according to Frank Kennedy, executive director of debt capital markets at Warburg Dilion Read, which acted with HSBC as joint book-runner for the

Mr Kennedy explained: "The bond markets are in a very different state to the equity markets. There is a very strong appetite for corporate bonds."

There are numerous reasons for this - including strong investor demand for corporate bond PEPs and the desire of fund managers for higher yield from their fixed income portfolio. What's more, most sterling corporate bonds tend to be issued in Eurobond form. Unlike the equity market for small and mid cap stocks, the Eurobond market is highly liquid. "We'll see continued strong demand from institutions and a range of new names coming to the market," predicted Mr Kennedy.

One difficulty with corporate bonds - particularly those issued by smaller, less well-known companies - is that investor demand tends to dry up completely at times of market uncertainty. Last autumn, for example, investors shunned all sorts of high-yield offerings amid the financial market chaos triggered

by the Russian debt default. Moreover, corporate bonds are simply not suitable for the smallest quoted companies, which are unable to offer sufficient quality paper to attract the big investors. For some of these companies, therefore, it really does seem that the financial markets may have failed.

It is when markets fail that governments have a role to play. Introducing investment tax reliefs for a wide range of smaller quoted companies may not be a bad place to start.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

A ROUND-UP OF SUNDAY BUSINESS STORIES

THE INDEPENDENT

■ Up to 5,000 jobs in the UK components sector could be lost as BMW transfers 10-15 per cent of its buying overseas, a leading supplier of parts to Rover, Delphi Automotive Systems, estimates. BMW and the Government are reported to be close to agreeing a package to rescue Rover's Longbridge

nlant ■ Property developer Regalian is on a short list of two to redevelop the Chelsea Barracks, home of the Coldstream Guards. The Ministry of Defence will have to find an alternative home for the Guards and is considering huying the Battersea Power Station site.

■ The Chancellor, Gordon Brown, is lining up allies in Europe to continue opposing plans for a eurobond tax, following last week's vote in the European Parliament in favour of a withholding tax.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

■ A series of measures to help small businesses is set to be a key element in this year's Budget, including ways to cut their tax. The Chancellor is looking at either making enhanced first-year capital allowances for investment in plant and equipment permanent or cutting their 20 per cent tax rate.

■ Shares in BAe are likely to rise today following the news that Greece is committed to buying up to 80 Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft, worth £2.8bn. ■ The Freemans catalogue business is forcing suppliers to increase the discounts they offer it from 8 per cent to up to 10.5 per cent, less than a month after its parent group Sears was taken over by Philip Green

SUNDAY BUSINESS

■BP Amoco is set to cull more high-level jobs as the newly merged oil glant aims for a 40 per cent reduction in its corporate staff

three years for high street banks and shops to introduce euro notes and coins if the UK decides to join the single currency, according to a report by the Treasury due out this

month. ■ Businesses in the UK pay higher taxes, when measured as a proportion of national income, than any other top industrial country, according to an unpublished study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Develop-

The Observer

■ The Government received offers from trade buyers for Railtrack at the time of its privatisation which could have raised £1bn more than the 1996 flotation netted. Nomura, Morgan Stanley and Babcock & Brown were all possible buyers.

■ National Power the UK generator, is thinking about demerging its international husiness in order to boost its share price, after its plans to unlock shareholder value through a merger with the electricity and water group United Utilities fell through. Harvey Nichols, the upmarket retailer, is set to open

Arndale Centre. ■ LineOne, the Internet service provider, is to cut 46 of its 110 staff, as it battles against the success of Dixon's Freeserve service.

a new store in Manchester's

Two Vaux hreweries, in Sunderland and Sheffield, are facing closure even if the planned management buyout, led by the chairman's hrother Frank Nicholson.

RJB Mining is considering huying mines overseas in order to reduce its dependency on the declining British coal industry.

The Sunday Telegraph

■ Whitbread is thinking about launching a £1.2bn bid for its smaller rival Greenalls, which all cash offer.

■ It will take two and a half to would strengthen its position as a leading pubs and hotels group. Such a move could prompt Scottish & Newcastle to mount a counterbid.

■ National Power is planning to demerge its international arm, and could unveil a stock market float or partial sale of the business in 2000.

■ Mobile phone group Orange has linked up with Fujitsu of Japan and Cisco and Ascend in the US to trial technology for the next generation of mobile phones. The companies will also launch a pilot scheme in Bath and Bristol.

 Diversified huilding materials group Polypipe is in talks with Avonside, the building services and distribution group, that could lead to bid

valuing Avonside at £20m.

■ Chelsea Building Society has rejected a £400m takeover approach from a consortium headed by the former Chancellor, Lord Lawson of Blaby.

The Mail

■ A report due out from the rail regulator next month will criticise Railtrack for failing to invest in modernisation and lacking targets for its investment programme. The Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott could force the track operator to cut the access fees it charges train companies.

■ Users of Dixons' free Internet service Freeserve will soon be able to pick up emails over the phone. The phone calls will be at a premium rate and Dixons could collect up to 9p a minute.

SUNDAY: EXPRESS

■ Sfx Entertainment, a USbased promoter whose clients include the hasketball player Michael Jordan and the pop star Billy Joel, may make a counter offer for Wembley. Enic, the sports investment group founded by Joe Lewis. has already made an informal £228m cash and shares bid. but Sfx is expected to table an



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Pharmaceuticals and banks put FTSE in spotlight

WITH SEVEN Footsie members set to unveil figures this week -- including BP Amoco, the biggest of them all - the blue-chip index will be in the spotlight. Footsie has been restless lately, ending a six-day losing streak with a good rally at the end of last week. Now the index is set to get a reality check, with two of its most prized sectors - banks and pharmaceuticals - dominating the results list.

In normal times, moneystackers and drug peddlers would have little in common apart from some heady ratings. But with consolidation sweeping the market, banks and pharmaceuticals are linked by the common thread of mergers, real and ru-

Take Barclays, on the block tomorrow. Michael O'Neill, the new man in charge, will no doubt try and talk pre-tax profits, expected to have risen some 8 per cent to £1.8bn, in line with Barclays' semi-profits warning last November.

Russian provisions, say £150m, and general market conditions could also enter the conversation. But what analysts and dealers will really want to know is whether Martin Taylor's American replacement will live up to his reputation as a shrewd dealmaker and marry Barclays to

The poor performance of Barclays Capital, its investment arm, could strengthen the hand of those in favour of selling it off. The unit is the weakest of the pack and should obfuscate the betterperforming retail and corporate divisions.

Halifax, that other would-be consolidator, reports on Thursday. The shares have lost 15 per cent of their value since a possible link-up with Prudential went cold late last year Stephen Kirk and Mark

Eady at BT Alex.Brown are shooting for a 2 per cent rise cards. in profits to £1.67bn but are no ians of the Yorkshire lender.

"Halifax remains vulnerable to pressures in its core mortgage and savings markets, so forecasts retain a downside risk. We see scant chance for a deal at current valuation levels and so maintain our negative stance," they

Others are less bearish and point to Halifax's £3.6bn cash pile as a good omen for 1999. If no deal materialises, the recently appointed chief executive. James Crosby, could return part of it to shareholders through buybacks or special dividends.

STOCK MARKET **WEEK**



FRANCESCO GUERRERA

Fellow lenders Woolwich and Abbey National round off a busy week for bank watchers. The two were hit in their core mortgage market in the first half and should show some modest recovery in the latter part of the year.

Abbey's retail strength should help offset some of the slide in mortgage lending and analysts are going for an 18 per cent increase in pre-tax profit to £1.51bn. Watch out for a jump in bad debts from around £120m to £200m, mainly due to

a rise in unsecured lending. Woolwich's profits should also rise some 18 per cent to SHARE SPOTLIGHT share price, pence HALIFAX

come on Wednesday. £475m. More importantly, the

bank could update investors on plans for its £935m excess capital, and a return of cash to shareholders could be on the Investors who do not like the banks' takeover scene should turn to drugs. Glaxo

Wellcome, everyone's merger favourite, goes on the operating table on Thursday After saying a thousand "not yets" to the usual "Are you merging with SmithKline Beecham?" question, Sir Richard Sykes, the chairman, will unveil a modest fall in profits to around

Strong sterling and the decline of the former blockhuster Zantac, the anti-ulcer treatment, will take their toll. However, this should be the last of the Zantac-affected results. In 1999, Glaxo has promised £260m reported in 1997.

"significant" earnings rises. New products, led by the influenza drug Relenza, are looking good and, of course, there is always the chance of a tie-up with SmithKline Beecham to prop up the stock For a pharmaceutical

merger which is almost certain to be consummated, look no further than Zeneca. The UK group reports on Wednesday, ust a day before its shareholders are to vote on its £48bn fusion with its Swedish rival Astra. The focus of the results will be the performance of new products such as the schizophrenia drug Seroquel and the asthma buster Accolate. The future of the combined entity hinges on these new drugs as both Zeneca and Astra are about to lose patent protection on a couple

from time to time.

of blockbusters. Analysts predict a slight fall in pre-tax profits to around 1.08bn, with sales up some 6 per cent to £5.4bn. The market will also want to know about the impact of the devaluation of the Brazilian real on Zeneca's agrochemicals operations and whether the company is exposed to bad debts.

Staying with merged groups, BP-Amoco, which accounts for some 6 per cent of the Footsie value, is expected to face intense scrutiny when it unveils fourth-quarter net in-

William Lowrie, the joint deputy chief executive, stepped down last Friday, sparking suggestions of boardroom tensions in the wake of the merger. The British part of the oil giant should have done better than most of its peers, although some nasty surprises could come from its Russian ventures.

But the really bleak numbers will come from Amoco. the US partner, which is said to have had a horrible fourth quarter Overall, broker Merrill Lynch is expecting a net income of £803m, well down on the £1.5bn recorded in 1997.

The former Footsie member Rank is the most prominent among the undercard's offerings. The leisure group had a disastrous year, which included botching the video launch of Titunic, seeing its share price going the way of that famous ship and losing its chief executive Andrew Teare.

The City is now in wait-andsee mode, as the new boss Mike Smith does not arrive from Ladbroke until April. Profits, due out on Thursday, should come in at around the



Bootie Call: The All Saints are being sued by a designer clothing company with the same name

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who have always been credited

with the song, Robert Hodgens

and Siobhan Maire Stewart, or

Siobhan Fahey as she was in

1983, before she married David

Bananarama in the 1970s, then

joined the Scottish-based Blue-

bells, and subsequently formed

Shakespears Sister in the 1980s.

The song made Mr Hodgens

and Ms Stewart a windfall of

£50,000 each in 1993 after it was

used in a TV ad for Volkswagen.

Mr Beckingham is seeking dam-

ages against the two band mem-

bers for breach of copyright. He

is also suing four music compa-

nies, including Polygram, over

Ms Stewart was a member of

Stewart of The Eurythmics.

Clothing company takes action against All Saints

ALL SAINTS, a company which WHO'S makes designer clothes, is taking legal action against the popular girl band of the same name. The company wants to stop the band from calling clothes with WHOM band from selling clothes with the brand name "All Saints" on their upcoming world tour.

Stuart Trevor set up All Saints as a wholesale and retail clothing business five years ago in London, and registered the name as the company's trademark at the same time.

The pop group, consisting of Nicole Appleton, Natalie Appleton, Melanie Blatt and Shaznay Lewis, came together in 1997. The clothing company says that it tried to reach an agreement with the band's merchandising firm, De-lux, over use of the name last year but failed. Now the clothing company is seeking an injunction.

A VIOLINIST who used to appear under the name Bobby Valentino is claiming that he helped to write the pop song "Young at Heart", a hit for The Bluebells in 1983. The copyright to the song remains valuable, as the song ened a revival five years ago after it was used in a car ad.

Robert Beckingham, of Tres-THE HIGH COURT in London is silian Road, Brockley, London, has taken legal action in an attempt to get the courts to recog-

the two members of the band

expected to rule this week, possibly as early as today on the latest round between James Dyson, inventor of the Dyson nise his share of the copyright. bagless vacuum cleaner, and He has issued a writ against

products in his advertising. The row goes back many

> Dyson's claim in his ads that traditional vacuum cleaners suffer a 50 per cent drop in suction when their bags clog up. Dyson and Electrolux went to

years and was prompted by Mr

court last December, and at the end of January Mr Justice Jonathan Parker ruled that Dyson Appliances had been guilty of "exaggerated and misleading" advertising claims. The judge stopped short, however, of ordering changes to the ads.

This month Electrolux launched another action, aimed at Dyson's use of Kaolin powder in its testing of its vacuum cleaner Electrolux claims that kaolin powder is "nothing like ordinary house dust" and grossly exaggerates the clogging effect of dust on its machines.

MORE THAN 600 investors in a property trust in Telford have taken legal action against the trust's joint sponsors after the properties owned by the trust fell in value from £30m to under

£10m in just live years. The Telford Trust Action Group is suing Johnson Fry and Richard Ellis after the two properties bought by the "Laser Richmond (Telford) Trust 1991/2" were revalued. The trust is an enterprise zone property Electrolux, which objects to the trust set up in 1992 to buy the

way he describes Electrolux's Plaza Tower and Plaza Court in Telford.

The trust paid £30,244,000 for the buildings and more than 900 investors subscribed for units in the trust, for the same total. The properties were revalued in September 1997 by DTZ Debenham Thorpe, the char-

tered surveyor, at just £9,260,000. The action group is claiming that the joint sponsors failed to take "reasonable care" to ensure that all the facts in the marketing material for the scheme were true and accurate. They are particularly angry about the prospectus, which they say encouraged higher-rate tax payers to expect substantial tax benefits. In the event, they say, the unit values were so low that there was no tax benefit at all.

Brian Woodward, chairman of the action group, said the scheme was "highly speculative and grossly overpriced".

Both Johnson Fry and Richard Ellis are intending to defend themselves against the legal action. A spokeswoman for Johnson Fry said: "The price paid was based on advice provided to us by the valuers at the time, Grimley JR Eve, in 1992."

The spokeswoman also denied the risks were not made clear to investors. "Enterprise trusts are known as a high risk venture, normally as a tax shelter. People would only invest in them after advice."

IN BRIEF

Murdoch deal off for Telecom Italia

TELECOM ITALIA has broken off talks to sell its pay-television unit Stream to Rupert Murdoch's News Corp Europe, the Italian phone company confirmed over the weekend Recent speculation has centred on a tie-up between Murdoch and the French TV company Canal Plus, whose Telepiu pay-tv is the market leader in Italy.

Greek plane deal

THE GREEK government has decided to buy up to 80 Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft after 2005 in a deal worth up to £2.5bn. The defence minister also said that Greece would open talks as soon as possible with the Eurofighter consortium, comprising DaimlerChrysler Aerospace, British Aerospace, Casa and Alenia, with a view to participating in the Eurofighter project.

Mercury fund

MERCURY HAS launched an institutional liquidity fund targeted at UK firms looking for alternatives to putting cash on deposit. The Dublin-based fund, which will invest in short-term money market instruments. has imported the concept of liquidity funds from the US. It estimates that FTSE 350 companies, excluding banks, are currently sitting on more than £65bn cash.

ITG in £7.65m buy

ITG GROUP, the Alternative Investment Market-quoted telecoms and computer sales group, yesterday bought Computers in Ireland Ltd, which trades under the names Computerland and Work Station, in a cash and share deal worth up to £7,65m. The payment is contingent on the Irish group achieving operating profits of £960,000 in the year to May 1999.

German G7 plan

GERMANY plans to propose the creation of a working group of finance ministers and central bank governors to study world financial markets at the G7 meeting in Bonn next weekend. finance ministry's international financial relations department, said the aim of the group would be to create a stable world financial system, and to weaken the effects of speculator activity

Companies reporting and economics diary for the week ahead

Royalblue, Third-quarter: Workspace Group. Sema Group. Interims: Compel

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Group, Macro 4, Paterson Zochonis, Peter Black, Economics: Retail prices (Jan), PSNCR (Jan), Engineering turnover (Dec) WEDNESDAY Finals: BP Amoco, Woolwich, WPP

Group, Zeneca, Dobbies Garden, offers second voluntary conversion

Allied Irish Banks. Interims: Allied Carpets. Economics: Bank of **England's Monetary Policy** Committee's minutes (Feb), Labour market statistics (Jan), iLO unemployment (Dec). Other: Liffe,

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The 'Mary Celeste': old salt tells all

with Steven Fox in 1992), you

don't sue your assailant, you sue

the gun manufacturers. Mr Fox

wound up with a cool haif-million

, and a souvenir in the form of the bullet, which is still embedded in

I bold no brief for gun-makers. It's rather good news that New

Orleans is suing 15 manufactur-

ers for flooding the southern states with lethal hardware

(which will find its way into the

northern cities through the usual

dodgy channels). But I worry

about the logic. If I drink myself into cirrhosis of the liver, can I

really sue Gordon's and Sea-

gram's and the Domaine de la

Romanée-Conti, for supplying

the staff that did me in? And if I try to hang myself and the rope breaks, can I sue Acme Twine Ltd

for failing to endanger my life?

bis head.

TEN YEARS after Lockerbie, it looks as if the bombers responsi ble might be standing trial at last. If so, it will be just one more in a recent rash of cleared-up myster ies, murders and puzzling historical incidents.

Only last week, Mr Tom Mitchell of Crowborough, a former anti-aircraft gunner, kindly explained the mysterious death of Amy Johnson for us. It was he who shot Ms Johnson out of the sky somewbere over the Thames Estuary in January 1941. She had, it seemed, failed to give the correct today'scolour-is-heliotrope password on the radio and was taken for an enemy plane on the point of bombing Loudon. "It was a shock to find out the pilot was Amy," confessed Mr Mitchell, 58 years later, "but if only she had given us the right

colour of the day, she would have

been all right."

So there you go. This modern version of the Cock Robin story ("L said the sparrow/ with my little arrow") is being mirrored all over the place. Maybe it's a Nineties thing. A few months ago, the French authorities discovered the airplane of Antoine de St Exupéry. who, it seemed crashed into the drink near Marseilles rather than being shot down by a German fighter over the Mediterranean, as everyone had supposed. A few days ago, fresh evidence supposedly came to light about the sinking of the Gaul spy trawler in 1974, and the likelihood that it was holed in the bows after colliding with a British suomarine.

All this setting the record straight is very gratifying, I'm sure. Can we expect to see a few more clarifications of historical puzzles before the end of the year?

"The Mary Celeste - it was a wild party that went horribly wrong." says Peter Stringfellow, 147, "To be honest, I've only just remembered. We're going back a bit, 1872. We'd hired the brig in New York for the evening, a dozen business associates, couple of swimwear models, top chef, jazz band, lots of Krug'69. There was dancing ou deck, Moonlit quoits etcetera. I thought the captain had let things slide when we drifted into the Atlantic but he and the first mate were snorting a lot of Devil's dandruff with Sukie and Barbarella, so you had to make allowances. Nobody minded for the first couple of days, but then like a was knackered, frankly. All that gal-loping. The Vieux Marché Halal in Carcassonne paid me handsomely for the steaks, but I've always felt

a bit guilty".

"Actually I shot President Kennedy", reveals myopic ornith-ologist and NRA veteran Wayne Rosenblat III. "It was a ghastly mistake. I'd spotted a great crested bustard sitting on a Traffic Lanes Merge' sign in Dealey Plaza on 22 November 1963, and took a potshot with the old Lee Enfield 38. I'm real sorry for all the trouble I caused. And you know what? Damn thing flapped off just before I pulled the

"The Loch Ness Monster? I can explain everything," laughs celebrity photographer Patrick Lichfield. It was a *Tutler* photoshoot in the middle of nowhere, Scotland I think, and everything was just so flat. So we chopped half a dozen tyres in half and floated them on the lake as if they were bumps sticking out the water. Hilarious, Suddenly the place was swarming with people carrying Box Brownies. We thought we might be done for littering, so we slung the tyres into a truck and finally did the shoot in Arbroath. Lots of taffeta, if I remem-

ber rightly".
"If you must know, I was Jack the Ripper", confesses former England coach Glenn Hoddle, 40, last night. "And frankly, I was shocked by the almost uniformly negative tone adopted by the media in reporting my actions. 'Course, this was in a previous existence."

SO NOW, it seems, if some-

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fool I asked chef if the dinner scal-

lops were fresh, he came after us

with the Sabatier and we had to leg

it into the lifeboats. He threw him-

self off the poop in a fit of pique.

After drifting for five days, we start-

ed eating each other, and I was the

only one left. Are you sure I haven't

killed Shergar", admits Dinty

O'Callaghan, 63, former Wicklow

stable boy and recovering alcoholic.

"It was a stupid idea. I was trying

to re-create the famous ride from

Gheut to Aix, as per the poet

Browning, but the poor horse

"Arrah, all right then, 'twas me

mentioned all this before?"

DID IT come as a buge surprise to you to hear that some of the people who appear on daytime TV talk shows are only, you know, acting? In the days when Robert Kilroy-Silk was questioning people about Coping With Sciatica, you assumed they could just ring up the Sciatica Society to find guests. When it (and Oprah and Ricky and Jerry and essa and Trisha) graduated to more rarefied forms of human behaviour - say, people who like to have sex with monitor lizards while their

grandparents look on - you won-

dered where on earth they could find the guests.

(Who do you ring? Ad-

vanced Bestiality And Elderly Helpline?). When it comes to featuring actual criminals on the show the "nuts and sluts", engaging in the kind of behaviour that Oprah Winfrey fears may end in onscreen homicide well, you hope that they're

bought-in



Clockwise from top left: President John F Kennedy moments before his assassination; the Loch Ness monster'; pilot Amy Johnson; the spyship 'Gaul' and the fiver Antoine de St Exupery

Jerry Springer show the other day, in which a prostitute was trying to leave ber pimp, who was defended by another poule de lune, whose boyfriend was then brought on to comment. You should have seen these guys. You should have heard the script. The prostitute insisted a) she was a good girl, b) she had a heart of gold, c) she felt there was a better life to be had elsewhere. possibly as a primary school teacher

The pimp was bald, swarthy, satanically bearded and raffishly earringed. He sprawled in his chair as though aiming his crotch at the audience, and growled: "You work for me, bitch." The second girl cooed over the satanic one and claimed be was "misunderstood". Her boy-

friend arrived and took a swing at him with the words, "Why you ...". It was hammy beyond belief. It would have rung true only to peo-

entirely from movies. The bogus Vanessa "guests" are, it seems, hired from agencies for a measly £100 plus VAT. What worries me is that the same agency is now hiring actors to pretend to he "real people" in other areas of public life - the whole of the England First Eleven, for example.

GEE, DON'T Kids just Say The Darnedest Things Dept: Last weekend, my sou Max, 7, had his frieud Alexander over to stay. A sweet kid, he displayed a ages ago."

thoughtful strain over pizza at Saturday lunch.

"You know my dad?" he asked. Sure, I said. "Well, he's got all this wine. But it's off." Good Heavens, ple whose notions of real life came I said, what do you mean? "He's got bottles and bottles of wine. red wine and yellow wine," said Alex, "and it's all completely off and he just doesn't care," said the child, clearly worried by his father's relaxed approach to

But Alex, I said, are you some kind of councisseur? "What's that?" he said. Are you some kind of expert? How can you tell it's all off? "All the bottles have got the sell-by date on the front," said Alex, "and most of them were just

by Esau

pegged out somewhere around Bruges and I had to shoot him. He leave your Ciubank Presents Elton John - The 1998 World Tour. Free Internet banking. Get more from your keyboard. A Citibank Current Account gives you free Internet banking and more: 7 times more interest than at least 4 major UK banks Free banking - no charges for everyday transactions in the UK Free £500 overdraft Free instant withdrawals at any of the 18,000 cashpoints in the UK Plus, you can call us 24 hours a day - free - giving you access to your finances round the clock around the world. Find us on http://www.citibank.co.uk or call on 0800 00 88 00 Who Says A Bank Can't Rock&Roll? Please quote ref. 1053 CITIBAN("Please note: Interest rate comparison (as at December 1996) between Citibank Current Account and Bardays Bank Account, Midland Bank Account, First Direct Cheque Account, and NatWest Current Plus Account Rate is variable, calculated delty, and is the gross pa. rate on balances of £2,000 or more, Gross interest rate is the rate payable not taking into account any deductions for income tax at the lower rate. Interest is applied and, compounded monthly (Bardays quartarly). Overdraft subject to status with written credit quotation available on request and is only available if you pay salary into Account. Fire Internet banking does not include the cost of modern calls, Account opened with Citibank International pile, subject to eligibility Registered office: 336 Sgrand, London WCZR [1+8], @ Registered trademark of Citibank NA.

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12 Judge small racing car import-ed by motorists in foreign capi-

13 In a position to acquire a gong made of bronze (5) 14 Rare stamp's worth more than

this, obviously (4,5) 18 In such an event, part of clutch

may need replacing (3-3-5,4)
19 Attempt to involve schoolmas-

ter (not bead) in betrayal (9) 21 Speculate about being accepted - it may go to one's bead (5)

22 By the way, threw out minor oath (7)

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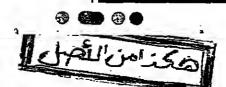
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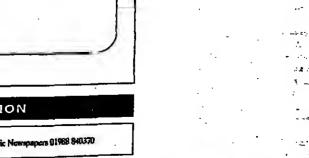
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Andy Cole (left), Dwight Yorke (centre) and Denis Irwin celebrate Cole's winning goal for Manchester United in the FA Cup tie against Fulham at Old Trafford yesterday

Cole ends Fulham's fight

FOOTBALES FAIRY-tales differ By GUY HODGSON from those of infancy in that they rarely have a happy ending and Second Division Fulham's run in the FA Cup came to a soggy conchision at Old Trafford yesterday when Manchester United did enough, and only that, to reach the

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quarter-finals. The game was billed as Kevin Keegan versus Alex Ferguson but it materialised into United against real one they had. They had sevtheir own inner complacency. They scored through Andy Cole, they sat back and admired what they had done and then they let the tie deteriorate into a scrappy affair that was a million miles from the fantasy land of the City Ground eight days previously.

It was a mistake-ridden afterion that only threatened to conform to the exciting traditions of the competition when John Salako had the goal gaping and at his mercy midway through the second half. The winger tried to make sure, hit his shot tentatively and allowed Peter Schmeichel to save. At that moment the Cup's into the hands of the underdogs. remance disappeared into the

drizzly air. "Cup football can be like that, very difficult," Ferguson said. "A lower division side come to Old Trafford and become inspired

Manchester United Filham

while for us it's another game. We never raised the tempo enough to wear them down.

"The credit goes to Fulham for chance was a good one, the only

eral skirmishes round our box but there was nothing clear-cut." Keegan insisted that the difference between the teams was Dwight Yorke.

"I was proud of my players but if he had been in our team he might have swung it today," Keegan said. "If United win the European Cup this season, and I believe they can, he will be a very

big reason. The tops of the Pennines were wrapped in mist and the rain fell incessantly as the teams took to the field, offering the prospect of an uneven pitch that might play

Fulham had removed Southampton and Aston Villa en route to Old Trafford so they hardly arrived unheralded, and it was a mark of Ferguson's respect for the visitors that he fielded a team United's Alex Ferguson

which, apart from the suspended Roy Keane and Paul Scholes, was close to his first choice.

The only surprise was the omission of Jesper Blomqvist, but as Cole, Dwight Yorke and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scored eight goals between them against Nottingham Forest last weekend you the fight they put up. Salako's could hardly describe the side as weakened. Short of width maybe. weakened definitely not.

Fulham, for whom Steve Finnan and Chris Coleman were outstanding, ought to have been in-

the scoring when Salako flashed a header past Schmeichel's post after 15 minutes. The impression even then,

timidated, but if they were they cloaked it well because they had

the better of the opening ex-

changes and might have opened

though, was that United could win the tie if they stirred themselves sufficiently and after 26 minutes they duly took the lead.

Nicky Butt arced a long pass to the left, then Solskjaer drew his man and crossed to the near post,



Fulham's Kevin Keegan (right) shakes bands with Manchester

where Cole's care with his volley was rewarded with a deflection off. Schmeichel dropped gratefully on a Fulham thigh into the corner of

Within seconds Fulham could have equalised but Dirk Lehmann was dispossessed with a splendid blocking tackle from Gary Neville, and United embarked on a 15minute spell which was the only time when the gulf in the clubs' League positions was truly laid

David Beckham fired a freekick inches wide, Maik Taylor dived low to his right to stop Yorke's drive after Solskjaer's quicksilver flick with his heel and laan Stam was close with a header just before half-time and the second half threatened to be a pro-

Instead Fulham, who were de-prived of the spine of their team with the absence of Simon Morgan, Paul Bracewell, Paul Peschisolido and Geoff Horsfield, stepped up their already prodigious efforts and forced United into several hairy moments in the their own area

Steve Hayward nearly drove Schmeichel into his own net with a ferocious shot and Barry Hayles was close with a header but no David Ashdown chance was more gilt-edged than

Salako's after 67 minutes. Wheo to that, the tie was as good as won

were United's and Yorke was only denied a goal his play deserved when Taylor arced back to tip his shot over four minutes the end.

"It's a good draw, we're at home," Ferguson said. "At this stage of the competitioo you expect to meet strong opponents and should have, which is to manage we have a good record against Chelsea in cup competitions."

With Internazionale in the Champions' League, Chelsea in the Cup and Liverpool at Anfield in the Premiership in quick succession, March will define United's season. Fulham can return to the priority of securing promotion to the First Division, though first there is that even more important battle to keep Keegan.

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Man of the match: Finnan.

Keegan ready for FA talks

BY GUY HODGSON

KEVIN KEEGAN yesterday gave the first hint that he is prepared to become England's manager in succession to Glenn Hoddle. At least he is prepared to talk to the Football Association, which makes him an oothe-record exceptioo among club managers.

"If the FA come on an ask to talk to me and Mr Al Fayed gives them permission, I will talk to them, don't worry about that," Keegan said after Fulham had been beaten 1-0 by Manchester United in the fifth round of the FA Cup yesterday. "Tve oever said I wouldn't do that.

That would appear to open the door to an approach from Lancaster Gate, whereas up until now Keegan has slammed it shut at every available opportunity. Ever since Hoddle was sacked after making injudicious comments about the disabled, the Fulham manager has been at the forefront of people's minds as a replacement.

Last week the Keegan-for-England bandwagon huilt momentum and was not slowed by his insistence that he still has a job to do at Fulham, who head the Second Division, Now, maybe he can persuaded to do the England job on a part-time basis until his commitments at Craven Cottage are finished.

The FA have said they wish to appoint someone this week so that the man in charge will have a lengthy settling-in period before next month's European Championship qualifier with Poland. Whether Keegan is that man is unknown, but some people within Lancaster Gate are known to admire his inspirational qualities.

Even yesterday Keegan insisted he would not walk out on Fulham and that be had oot been approached by anyone at the FA, but he clearly expected that to change. If the approach and terms are right he could be persuaded to take the job.

Despite the fact all the media and the bookies seem to know something is going to happen the man they are talking about is sat here, can look you in the face, and honestly say nobody from the FA has spoken to me," Keegan said. "I haven't had a phone call but judging from what has been happening, mainly in the media, I'm going to get one this week."

Whether he would be open to this approach is debatable because he gave out a mixed message

"In one way it's a very big comand United were on the way to a pliment, it's just the timing of it,"he home quarter-final against said "I love Fulham football club very, very much and I really enjoy what is Indeed the closing moments happening here it's the only way I can work. Today has given me a boost, not the way we played, but because we have brought 8,500 people to Old Trafford to watch Fulham.

"On the one side you have got that emotion but on the other there is the pull that every single Englishman your country. Maybe I should jump at it but I'm not like that. If I say I want to stay at Fulham then people will say 'he has to say that', but if I say 'no comment' then it's also interpreted in a certain way. I don't really know how to comment.

"It's a strange situation somewhere has not only has no one seen fit to approach me but they have gone around telling people they

SIXTH-ROUND DRAW



Fixtures need overhaul for game to flourish

DESPITE THE disappointing result for England, we needed to make the most of last Wednesday's friendly international against France, the World Cup holders. In future, dates for such friendlies will be severely

As David O'Leary of Leeds and Jim Smith of Derby prepared their teams for FA Cup fifth-round ties last week they complained about "meaningless" friendlies; Chelsea's Ken Bates has always moaned that England play too many games. Meanwhile, the top clubs in Europe are getting together to demand compensation when their players go away on international duty.

Next season, however, the squeeze will really be on as the



European Champions' League is expanded to 32 teams. This will entail 17 Champions' League match dates through the season and means that,

KELLY

if replays are to be retained, the FA Cup third round will have to be brought forward to pre-Christmas. The magic of the FA Cup will be diminished Moreover, the February date hitherto available for international friendlies will be needed for

the European Champions' League. The balance of world football power is shifting rapidly to the big clubs. It is not only national associations and national teams which will suffer. The whole of the English calendar is being rejigged for the 1999-2000 aeason solely for the benefit of the three clubs which will qualify for the European Champions' League. The FA Cup, the League and the Worthington Cup League and the Worthington Cup by add to the strain on the top play-will all be more difficult to schedule. by add to the strain on the top play-will all be more difficult to schedule.

but has come to the issue too late. President Sepp Blatter's call for a World Cup every two years may have some merit if it brings about a rationalisation of the world football schedule. He says the European Championship will be used as a qualifying tournament for the World Cup and the number of qualifying matches reduced. However, his message has not been clearly communicated to Uefa, Fifa's European

counterpart, which is up in arms. Blatter should first have cleared up his own yard. Fifa's plans for a world club championship will mere-

held, in Saudi Arabia in December 1997, the grounds for matches other than those of the bosts were poorly attended. I remember sitting through a very long Uruguay v

United Arab Emirates game. Meanwhile, the Fifa World Youth Championship in Nigeria to April threatens to deprive European chibs of first-team players at a time when the season is building to a climax. Poorer nations and clubs want as many matches as they can get but the richer place their international players under even greater pressure.

There are two easy answers to fixture congestion in England If you summit aimed at reconciling the are a Uefa administrator you call for various interests throughout the

fans and 17 or 18 clubs are quite happy with the present set-up.

Alternatively, if you are one of the fortunate three clubs likely to be in Europe on a regular basis, you can advocate the abolition of the Worthington Cup. This, though, fails to recognise that the Worthington Cup brings in a total of £40m for the clubs from various sources.

All this demonstrates that the whole fixtures set-up is a mess, riven by vested interests and sectional views, not just in England but worldwide as well.

There needs to be a special Fifa

Fifa, the governing body of world football, has recognised the problem, of the first time it was a reduction in the size of the FA Precome established. Last time it was one reduction in the size of the FA Precome established. Last time it was one reduction in the size of the FA Precome established. Last time it was one reduction in the size of the FA Precome established. Last time it was one reduction in the size of the FA Precome established. Last time it was one reduction in the size of the FA Precome established. Last time it was one reduction in the size of the FA Precome established. Last time it was one reduction in the size of the FA Precome established. Last time it was one reduction in the size of the FA Precome established in the size of the FA Precome established. Last time it was one reduction in the size of the FA Precome established in the size of the FA Precome established. Last time it was one reduction in the size of the FA Precome established in the size of the si smaller countries co-exist with their richer neighbours. In addition, national team coaches will have a proper opportunity to prepare their teams in friendlies, free of the pres-

sure of competition. If that produces a standard world fixture schedule, planned some years in advance, we might have a hope of seeing the world champions in exhibition mode again some time in the future.

Club foothall can rely on the support of fans, but the international game needs different backing. It is time that the sport's rulers across the world did more to protect and



O'Leary's campaign for cash

COMING FROM George Gra- BY PHIL SHAW ham, the words might have because and as an importent. I seds United ultimatum from a man prepar- Tottenham Hotspur ing the ground for his exit. In the his successor at Elland Road, they sounded like a polite appeal for dialogue, although Leeds United's owners will mistake David O'Leary's niceness for weakness at their peril.

It was the aftermath of a tie which never quite lived up to the hype, and the talk had turned to expectations of the long-term variety. Whereas the Tottenham manager radiated an tunity to put pressure on his almost smug sense of satisfaction, O'Leary called for the he was "trying to pin them very clarification of Leeds' resources and ambitions that would ask whether they want-Graham sought before settling ed him to stay. O'Leary knows rationale for taking the Alan

gentle, lilting Dublin brogue of serting that, whatever the outcome of the battle of wits with his mentor had been, he would have deemed the "overall picture" at Leeds to be "rosy". However, if Graham is often guilty of offensive charm - the grudging praise and sarcastie asides are delivered with a smile - O'Leary is never slow to launch a charm offensive.

Perhaps sensing an opporpaymasters, he explained that down" for a meeting. First he that if the answer were anything less than an emphatic "yes". the public backlash would make a Joyzone belled.

O'Leary, "is how much money higger and better squad, and I think I need four or five more a persuasion job to do; I have to ask how much is in the kitty. If it's not a great deal, then we have to tell people. If we're saying we're a big club we have to act like one.

The Leeds faithful could he excused for believing such matters were resolved at the time of his appointment. While even Alex Ferguson would say he is a couple of players short of his ideal pool, O'Leary has a hetter case than most for seeking substantial backing from the boardroom. A succession of injuries has depleted what was arguably The Irishman began by as- the strains of "You only went for the Premiership's least nu-

Graham on Saturday sound like keep young players on a roller but in the space of four months to it." He aims to do likewise at ito Carbone and his ageing a constant the first leads them to Graham has turned them into Lee is, though it it sometimes compating Visible. The Chelsen

True, none looked out of have I got to spend? We need a place among Spurs' seasoned campaigners, with Harry Kewell more than matching players in the summer. I have David Ginola for menace, but Spurs had the better balance and the more clear-cut chances. Tim Sherwood, who frequently found space in a congested midfield, defly put them ahead. Spirited as Leeds' response was, it came as a surprise when left-back Ian Harte cut inside to equalise with his supposedly

> Like weary prize-fighters, the teams then settled for a replay almost as readily as did Steve Bruce at Highbury. With the second leg of a delicately poised Worthington Cup semifinal against Wimbledon loom-

Their current form - two defeats in 13 games - has been an eye-opener for the Scot. When I came to the club I had preconceived ideas about some of the players," he admitted. "Having worked with them, I've changed my mind a bit. Some have done a lot better than I ex-

Graham believed the "nice huzz about the place" could only be enhanced by Sherwood's arrival. "Tim's a winner," he purred, "and in English football you need winners alongside the technically talented players".

The former Blackburn cap-tain is no slouch in the skill stakes either. His impact on his full debut was no doubt in O'Leary'a thoughts when he

"The bottom line," continued Aston Villa on Wednesday. a far more durable outfit. seems he is in awe of his ex-boss, player-manager is coming to

the impression is misleading. Graham claimed he had guessed the Leeds line-up correctly. Unaware of his boast, O'Leary said: "He'll probably say he knew my side. Since we're down to the bare bones. that didn't take much of a genius." The protégé is his own man and, for all his geniality, he will not go quietly at White Hart Lane.

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Vialli sets the right example

CONVEYED FROM Chelsea's BY KEN JONES dressing-room, the joke was about the decisive effect of Roberto Di Matteo's bottle blond fashion statement. "The hair-style made it easy for Bjarne [Goldback] to pick him out," Gianluca Vialli chuckled.

Relief coupled with humour. With just five minutes left, Vialli was thinking about further strain on Chelsea's resources when Di Matteo met Goldback's deep centre with a firm header, leaving the Sheffield Wednesday supporters to reflect on their team's curious lack of passion in this 1-0 defeat

Maybe Danny Wilson's team held Chelsea in too much respect or is it that a struggle to survive in the Premiership influences their disposition?

Still competing on three fronts Chelsea were never as close to going out of the FA Cup as in the previous round against Oxford United, which says something about Sheffield Wednesday's attitude.

If blood and thunder is not how Wilson likes to go about things, a touch of it might have done more to counter Chelsea's technical superiority.

A pertinent comparison could also be drawn between the money" which greeted merous squad, forcing him to Spurs'schedule is unwelcome, "taken a quality side and added the Hillsborough darling Benthe end of his days on the field and it often shows, but Carbone could take a lesson in commitment from him.

People who argue that Carbone is not given enough credit (much has been made of this in print locally) overlook the fitful nature of the Italian's contribution. At times quite brilliant, Carbone cannot avoid doubts about overall application. If behind most of the good things Sheffield Wednesday managed he was not involved enough to cause Chelsea more problems than Leboeuf and Marcel Desailly could handle.

Desailly's hint that a taste for less robust form of football may lead him to leave Chelsea could hardly have been justified

Sheffield Wednesday

by his experience in the game. A few scrambles in the penalty area, but otherwise little to suggest that life could be a lot more comfortable.

Instead, Chelsea settled for confident possession troubled only when another example of Graham Le Saux's wayward positioning enabled Carbone to reach a Dejan Stefanovic

That and a speculative longrange effort from Wim Jonk was all that came from Sheffield Wednesday until Wilson got to his players at half-time.

Di Matteo'a introduction for the injured Albert Ferrer after 30 minutes finally identified him as the hitherto unrecognisable hlond on Chelsea's With time drawing on and

eager to avoid fixture congestion Chelsea went for width, sending on Goldback for Morris. "It was the only time in the match when they got behind us," Wilson said when speaking of the move that led to Chelsea reaching the sixth round. "We lost our concentration and that

Wilson also said that it was better to have lost in the cup ably explains his team's tentative performance. Time was when things were different, but football today is about financial security.

As for Di Matteo's new look, Vialli was philosophical, "Players are young men who want to indulge themselves." he said. "It makes no difference to me as long as they play well." And score the winner in an FA cup tie.

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Derby penalty evens the score for Smith

to be on the suffering end from the penalty spot in the FA Cup. Only once in his 30 years as a manager in the competition has the veteran with the famously polished pate got within sight of Wembley's twin domes - when his Portsmouth team lost to Liverpool in the shoot-out that decided the semi-final replay at Villa Park in 1992.

It was perhaps a settling of the Bald Eagle's personal score, then, that his Derby County set kept in this season's FA Cup hunt with the help of a fortuitous penalty award at the McAlpine Stadium on Saturday. Peter Jackson, Huddersfield Town'a manager, waa near apoplectic at pitch-side when Gary Willard pointed to the spot after Dean Sturridge fell to earth in the home penalty box in the 59th minute.

Television replays failed to detect contact of any significance from Rob Edwards but Tony Dorigo, with an assured side-footed conversion, gratefully snatched the gift-wrapped opportunity to put Derby 2-1 in the referee but I'm not going to

Derby County

JIM SMITH knows what it is like BY SIMON TURNBULL

fault him," Jackson said in the after-match calm. "Some decisions go against you. Next week we might get one like that in our In the overall scheme of a

rip-rogring tie, Huddersfield could have had no complaint with their lot. For half an hour they exploited the lethargy of their Premiership opponents hut for the best part of an hour they were largely outclassed. They also had the inspirational Nico Vaesen to thank for

securing a second chance at Pride Park. The Belgian goalkeeper was in stunning form, producing half a dozen blinding saves, the most vital from Lee Carsley as Mr Willard prepared to blow the final whistle after four minutes of injury time.

"Their keeper kept them in the game," Smith acknowledged. "But we should have made it easier for ourselves. We

Horacio Carbonari certainly was. It was his over-casual at-

tempt to deal with Grant John son's speculative punt that left Chris Beech free to chip Huddersfield into a 41st minute lead. It was also the Argentinian defender's failure to clear Ben Thornley's left-wing corner that granted Marcus Stewart a free-header for Huddersfield's 71st minute equaliser.

It was the hrilliant Francesco Baiano who orchestrated the right-wing move feeding Stefano Eranio for the cross Deon Burton headed home in the 55th minute. It was vided the assist four minutes later, albeit without the help of video analysis - a penalty that the Bald Eagle ultimately needed to stay on the FA Cup perch.

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FA Cup: English reputation for fair play is upheld by agreement to replay Highbury tie after ungentlemanly goal

FA right to follow Wenger's lead



GLENN MOORE

Sheffield United

"COMMON SENSE - not so common that," Howard Wilkinson said in response to one question last week. The Football Association showed at the weekend that, contrary to popular belief, it does possess it.

The FA's decision to grant the joint request of Arsenal and Sheffield United to re-stage their fifth round FA Cup tie, controversially won by Marc Overmars' ungentlemanly goal, scored after Sheffield United had kicked the ball out of play to allow an injured player to be treated, is to be commended. So is the speed with which it was made, within an hour of the final whistle. First Glenn Hoddle's relatively swift exit, now this, The FA may be in the hands of caretakers but they appear to be taking good care.

There will be complaints from some about an FA acting above the law, but these should be ignored. There are enough arcane laws in the FA's rule book to find one to fit the hill, probably the catch-all, "bringing the game into disrepute".

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Nor does this set a dangerous precedent. The FA has been ordering teams to replay FA Cup ties for more than a century. In the 1888 competition three matches, involving such teams as Swifts and Mellors Limited as well as Sunderland and Crewe Alexandra, were ordered to be replayed, including one tie because of a protest about the size of the goals.

More recently games have been replayed due to crowd trouble, notably Newcastle's sych round be with Nottingham first occasion it has been ig- for a ruling. It does not nec- sition, squared it to Overmars. Arsene Wenger and David stronger when it is replayed, Forest in 1974, Newcastle had come back from 3-1 down to win profile previous cases were 4-3 after a pitch invasion. The last such case was in 1992 when Sinton scored in a north London preted. This was the method Peterborough, having beaten Kingstonian 9-1, were ordered to replay the match hehind closed doors because the Kingstonian goalkeeper had been hit by missiles. Bizarrely, Kingstonian were reluctant to do so as it meant players had

to take more time off work. However, there has never been an incident, as far as various statisticians and football anoraks could recall, anywhere in the world, which involved the nebulous concept of "sports-

At a time when the English game is again under seige following the controversial departures of the FA's chief match between Wrexham and executive, chairman and national coach, has heen tar- Coddington, dropped the ball

John Filan that Blackburn's

interest in prolonging their in-

polvement in this season's FA

Cup borders on indifference,

preoccupied as they are with

Premiership survival. New-

castle certainly wish they had.

But for Filan yesterday, they

would have claimed a home

quarter-final against Everton.

There are those who have

wondered how the Australian

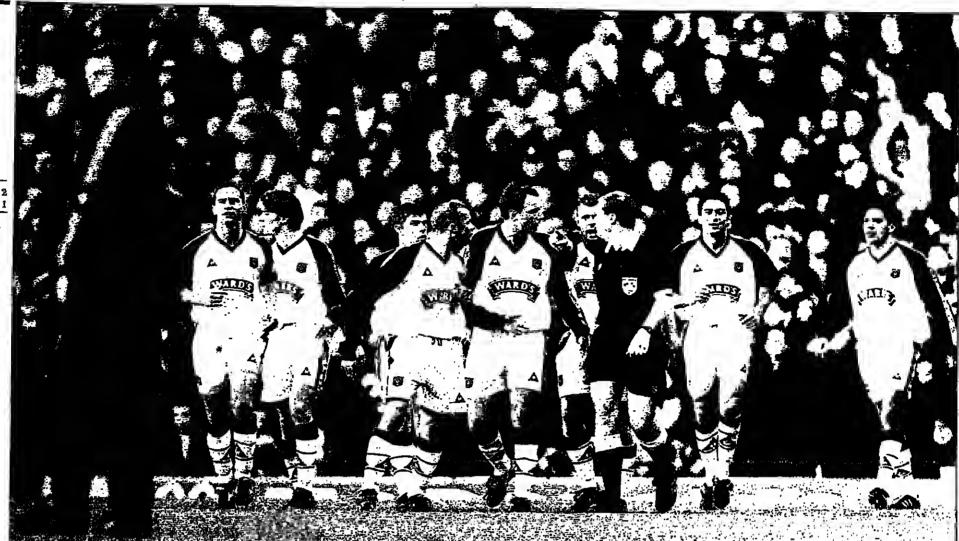
has succeeded in denying such

an accomplished goalkeeper

as Tim Flowers a way back into

the Premiership after injury. If

there was ever a mystery, there



A posse of Sheffield United players make their feelings known to referee Peter Jones after Arsenal's controversial second goal at Highbury on Saturday

The incident inevitably over-

shadowed a match which had

begun quietly but was building

up to a promising conclusion.

Arsenal had struggled to pen-

etrate a United team in which

the teenager Curtis Woodhouse

impressed until Patrick Vieira

glanced in Dennis Bergkamp's

Arsenal pressure during which

the stocky hut impressively

quick-footed Kaba Diawara

could have capped his full Ar-

senal debut with a hat-trick

The £2.5m signing from Bor-

deaux was denied by Alan Kelly

That precipitated a period of

free-kick after 28 minutes.

alleged betting scam, and is frequently regarded with mixed emotions due to the wealth and behaviour of some of its stars, this has been an impor-

tant application of ethics. The policy of kicking the ball ont when a player is injured started in England and has spread across the world and down to the parks. As Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the players' union said, "it is one of the best things that has happened on the field in recent years".

However, it is time it was enshrined in law, for this is not the nored. Ironically, the most highagainst Arsenal. In 1996 Andy to how they should be inter-instead tapped the ball in. derby which Arsenal then won,

and in 1997 Chris Sutton was the on the tackle from hehind. prime culprit as Blackburn gained a last-minute equaliser. The first case was not as

clear cut as Saturday's, hut the second was. At that stage the FA should have let referees know that, in the event of such reprehensible behaviour, they could disallow the goal. What can be immediately instituted is a booking, under Law 12, for "unsporting behaviour", but it is not clear whether that law empowers the referee to stop the game because an offence has been committed.

The FA should press Fifa essarily require a change in the laws, merely a guideline as used recently to crack down were furious. Overmars was phone to David Davies, the FA's pened." He added: "We want it

Were the players involved on Saturday, Ray Parlour,

Nwankwo Kanu and Overmars, aware of what they were doing? Parlour threw the ball towards the Sheffield United corner flag presumably for Alan Kelly who had kicked it out as Lee Morris was injured in the other penalty area - to collect, though he threw it quite close to Kanu. The Nigerian, who had looked bewildered in his few minutes on the pitch after coming on as substitute to make his Arsenal debut, ran on to the ball and, with Kelly and his defence out of po-

Replay 'sets dangerous precedent'

surrounded and took a couple of slaps on the face. Kanu and the referee, Peter Jones, were besieged. The far end, where the away supporters were gathered, was in uproar, the home

support largely embarrassed. A six-minute delay followed while Bruce, his coaching staff and some players heatedly discussed the situation with Jones and Adrian Titcombe, a senior FA official who was present. At one stage it seemed United were going to walk off but eventually they were persuaded to play the remaining 13 minutes.

As soon as the game finished The Dutchman should have Dein, the Arsenal vice-chair- probably on 23 February. stopped the nonsense then, but man and a prominent FA coun-United, understandably, game. This was put, by tele- want to repair what hap-

acting chief executive, and here. We have a fair spirit hut Terry Annable, chairman of 'are not stupid." the Challenge Cup committee. They swiftly agreed. Much credit is due to Wenger and Arsenal; had the offer not been made the FA would have been in a far more difficult position.

Bruce, meanwhile, had said he felt "robbed, cheated and furious" adding: "We were 15 minutes from a replay. We deserve another crack. I could say it should be at Bramall Lane but I don't want to be greedy."

By rights it should. Arsenal, who were missing five key players, will surely be much Wenger said: "We didn't mean cillor, offered to re-stage the to cheat. Kanu did not know. We

once and the woodwork twice. Shortly after half-time, Marcelo headed in Paul Devlin's cross and, with United again cancelling out Arsenal, but apparently unable to cause problems themselves, the game appeared to be drifting towards a draw. Then a patently unfit Kanu arrived to prove that the world's oldest competition can still throw up some-

tition can still throw up something new,
Goals: Veira (28) 1-0: Marcelo (48) 11: Overmars (77) 2-1.
Arsenal (4-4-2): Seaman: Vwas, Grimand,
Bould, Winterburn: Pariou?, Vieira, Garde
(Hughes, 42), Overmars: Berglamp, Oawara (Kanu. 64). Substitutes not used:
Anelha, Upson, Manninger (gk).
Steeffield United (4-4-2): Keily, Derry,
Holdsworth, Sandlord, Oulnn: Devin
(fwiss, 90). Stuart. Woodhouse. Hamilton,
Monris (Ford. 76): Marcelo. Substitutes
not used: Jocobson, O'Conno, Iracey (gk)
Referee: Plones (Loughborough).
Booklags: United: Stuart, Hamilton,
Holdsworth, Derry, Marcelo
Man of the match: Woodhouse.
Attendance: 38.020.

Leading article

100 YEARS OF GREAT SPORTING **GESTURES**

Magnanimous Moss

In Portugal in August 1958. Mike Hawthorn stalled his engine driving up an escape road and was disqualified for pushing his car backwards to restart it. Hawthorn finished second to Stirling Moss, who then gave evidence that Hawthorn had not gone backwards on the track itself, but on the perimeter. Hawthorn's points were reinstated and he became the first Briton to win the world championship (by one point, from Moss, who would otherwise have won the championship!. Moss never won the title.

Honest jockeys

At the third fence in the 1962 Grand Steeplechase de Paris, the rubber bit in the mouth of English challenger Mandarin snapped, effectively leaving Fred Winter to face the rest of the four-mile track without brakes or steering. The French jockeys, particularly Jean Daumas on the much-fancied Taillefer, guid ed their rival round until the final straight, Mandarin won by a short-head, becoming the first English-trained horse to win France's richest steeplechase for 37 years.

Graceful Grout

During the 1964 Ashes series, Neil Hawke was bowling for Australia, while Fred Titmus was at the non-strikers' end for England. As Titmus was going for a single, Hawke got in his way, knocking him to the ground. The fielder threw the ball to Wally Grout, the Aussie wicketkeeper, who declined the opportunity to run out Titmus and instead tossed the ball aside

Nice guy Nicklaus

Golf's greatest act of sportsmanship came in the Ryder Cup in 1969 when Jack Nicklaus conceded a three-footer to Tony Jacklin to leave the match tied. "I didn't think you were going to miss," said Nicklaus, "but I didn't want to give you the opportunity." America retained the Cup.

Taylor's sacrifice

Last October, Mark Taylor. the Australian cricket cap tain, sourned the opportuni ty to beat Sir Donald Bradman's batting record for the highest individual score by an Australian. Taylor hit an unbeaten 334 against Pakistan to match Bradman's 334 against England in 1930, and then declared Australia's innings, also giving up the chance of beating Brian Lara's world record of 375.

happened no laws were broken from Saturday's Highbury good laugh. It was 4-0 to Prerescheduling of Saturday's FA when the goal was scored." the game after an injury. Wrexston at the time, but I could not Cup match between Arsenal Of Marc Overmars' goal, and Sheffield United had set "a ham's Jeff Whitley promptly let the goal stand as there is a which put Arsenal 2-1 ahead folspirit of the law as well as the very dangerous precedent", it lobbed it into Preston's net

referee said yesterday that the ALAN NIXON emerged that an incident very similar to Saturday's occurred a fortnight ago and an "ungentlemanly" goal on that occasion had been disallowed.

During a Second Division Preston, the referee, Brian near the half-way line to restart

Newcastle United

Blackburn Rovers

Filan enjoyed one of those

days young goalkeepers may

dream about but rarely expe-

rience. As a consequence New-

castle have now to come

through an Ewood Park replay

in order to save their season

Outwardly, Rund Gullit, their

manager, seems confident that

his team will see Rovers off sec-

ond time round. "There is going

to be much more space available

from premature collapse.

SOMEONE SHOULD have told BY MARK PIERSON

AS THE country's most senior BY NICK HARRIS AND

from over 50 yards, but Coddington immediately ruled it out and gave a goal-kick.

"It was obviously wrong to allow the goal, it was an absolute fluke," Coddington said yesterday. "In the spirit of the law, we had to re-start the thought straight away this is

better pitch to play on than the one we had today," he declared. "It was their goalkeeper who kept Blackburn in the Cup, and

while my players are very dis-

appointed with the result, I am

very happy with the way they performed. The progress we

have made is there for everyone

to see. There is a lot more in this

team than everyone thought."

Gullit's side were not the first

to chance their arm. Ashley

Ward's clever early lob against

the bar falsely suggested that

Rovers were up for it in an at-

tacking sense but having sur-

to us at Ewood and probably a Given totally by surprise kind; Stephen Glass volleying

vived a scare which took Shay

not right', and the players did too. In the end, we all had a letter of the law."

Philip Don, the Premier League referees' spokesman. said of the decision to replay Saturday's match: "A very dangerous precedent has been set. The referee is there to control a game according to the rules. game and cancel the goal I which state that whoever scores the most goals wins.

themselves to become the

having dominated most of the

match they failed to establish

the significant lead they

deserved by half-time. The ex-

ploration was threefold: excel-

lent goalkeeping from Filan, a

degree of misfortune and the

occasional piece of rank bad

finishing, the most notable of

which saw Temuri Ketsbaia

head over the top in the sixth

early strike against the bar in

Newcastle matched Ward's

minute.

The only surprise was that

game's prime movers.

the rights and wrongs of what

Whatever one may think about

lowing a throw-in intended for United's goalkeeper, Alan Kelly, Don added: "Tve heard plenty of people say what Peter Jones [Saturday's referee] should have done but under the laws of the game he did exactly what be had to do. Nobody seems to be talking about the conduct of the players."

tacking in which Gary Speed,

taken off on a stretcher off late

in the game, featured strongly.

Newcastle quickly asserted against the same area of

woodwork.

The FA confirmed yesterday that the bookings and goals match will stand for disciplinary and statistical purposes, but the controversy over the incident shows few signs of abating. The Blades' Independent supporters' association said it will appeal for the re-match to be played at Bramall Lane, and the Football Supporters' Association called on Arsenal to sell tickets for the reorganised game at heavily subsidised rates to fans who attended on Saturday.

For most of the game, Rovers seemed to have little or nothing with which to counter, the supply to Ward and Chris Sutton being of a stop-start nature. Whether it was the level of

energy expended or simply frustration Newcastle failed to pick up the pace of the game in the second half. As a result, the demands on Filan diminished, though hardly disappeared.

That effort set Newcastle sneak a result they would hardly have merited, despite up for a sustained period of attheir impressive defensive work of which the former Newcastle central defender Darren Peacock was a key part.

Peacock was a key part.
Newcastle United (4-4-2): Ghen: Barton,
Charvet, Howey, Domi; Hamarin, Speed
(Brady, 78), Solano, Glass; Kesbaia,
Shearer, Substitutes not used: Harper,
Saha, Hughes, Griffin,
Blackburn Rowers (4-4-2): Flam: Kenna,
Peacock, Broomes, Croft: Gillesple, Dunn
(Konde, 59), Marcolin, Dul? (Blake, 51),
Ward, Sutton, Substitutes not used:
Flowers, Davies, Laylor,
Referees: D Gallagher (Banbury),
Bookings: Newcastle: Hamarin, Blackburns: Sutton.

Man of the match: Filan.

Filan's dazzling display solves mystery Hignett reveals It was only in the final quarter of the game that Rovers suggested they could sneak a result they would

YOU ARE only as good as your strikers," said John Hendrie, the Barnsley manager, after the victory that put his side into the last eight of the FA Cup for the second successive year.

That it was Barnsley's strikers who came good must have been a relief, because the prematch omens had not heen encouraging. Hendrie was experimenting with his 19th difhoped for fitter front runners than Bruce Dyer and Mike a lot of fear today." Sheron, both of whom climbed off the treatment table to start fereot if they had taken their this fifth round tie. Indeed, early chances, they did not, Sheron was making his debut and after that it was all Barns for Barnsley, having heen in-

duo of Jamie Cureton and Jason er Hignett tap-in. Barnsley Roberts, in contrast, arrived at eased off towards the end al-Oakwell with burgeoning reputations built on goal scoring tal-finish well from the edge of the Liverpool defeat announced on lies of 17 and 15 respectively.

In the eod, however, youth tition's leading scorer with was forced to bow to experience seven goals, which was some as Craig Hignett's hat tricken- consolation for 5,000 vocal sured the First Division side justified their superior status

with something to spare. Operating just behind his two striking partners, who provided marvellous support, Hignett's tireless movement off the ball posed a constant

Barnsley **Bristol Rovers**

fell apart once Hignett had opened the scoring, a tap in after sterling work by Dyer. "We defended well to begin

with but we didn't take our opportunities and the confidence drained out of us once we went ferent attacking combination behind," said Ian Holloway, the of the season and must have Rovers manager. "The second goal killed us off. We played with Things might have been dif-

ley. Hignett, released by jured since Hendrie signed him. Sheron, drove the second and Bristol Rovers' young strike Dyer's volley preceded anothlowing Roberts to burst free and area. It made him the compe-

Consolation for 5,000 vocal Rovers supporters.
Gashst Hignert (36) 1-0, Hignert (44) 2-0; Dyer (63) 3-0, Hignert (71) 4-0; Roberts (63) 4-1
Barnsley (3-4-1-2): 7 Bullork: De Zeeure, Mocse, (Gchardson 80), Jones, Easten, McCire, Tintler (Applety 80), Sheridan; Hignert, Dyer, Sheron (M. Buslock 67) Sebaratables and used: Hendric, Leese.
Barlatof Revers (4-4-2): Jones, Pritchard, Rought, Foster, Chillis, Tiets (10-10) 641.
Stone, Lee (Penrice 64), Leon; Cureton, Roberts, Subadiances nor used: Smith, Rappas, Mealer, Ramaree: Mr A Wilbic (Chester-le-Street) Bookings: Barnsley: Sheridan, Moses, Maan of the martot, Hignert, Attendamoe: 17.508 threat to a Rovers defence that looked solid for half an hour but

Goodison goals almost too good to be true

THINK OF the two words you are least likely to see brackethad together and "Everton" and exhilarating would be right up there. But the BBC's idiosyncratic national treasure Stuart Hall managed it on Saturday night and witnesses swear he was not dragged giggling from Goodison in a straitjacket.

Then again quite a few were questioning the evidence of their eyes while mumbling strange couplets in dark corners, Goodison and goals giving doctors most cause for concern. It helped, of course, that

Coventry played like they

thought the floodlights were

BY GUY HODGSON

Evertoo Coventry City

going to go out after 70 minutes . but as Gordon Strachan complained recently it is unfair to downgrade victories by implying the opponents had an off-day.

Everton played well and, yes, were exciting. There, I've said it. As with many of the great scientific breakthroughs of the millennium, it was probably an accident For the Scrooge-like Waiter Smith the nacir was playwing backs, but stripped of per- when John Oster got a second cause he told me he spent most

2 on the formula. A back four two wide players more interested in going forward than back and strikers willing to pass to each other transformed Everton from the football equivalent of watching paint drying into something resembling entertainment.

Spectators hugged themselves like the FA Cup had been won when Francis Jeffers scored at the Gwladys Street, an end of the ground that has been a barren landscape in the Premiership this season, and were ing four centre-backs and two pinching themselves in disbelief

sonnel because of injury he to match the previous high tide stumbled, mad professor-like of two home goals at Goodison against Huddersfield in the Worthington Cup in September. Then, just to ensure the fifth

round tie remained edge-ofthe-seat stuff for 90 minutes. they defended too deep and almost letCoventry steal a replay.

Jeffers, 18 and a prolific scorer in the youth team, made a difference but so did the decision to convert Don Hutchison into a striker. The Scot, in the twilight zone between midfield and attack, shed light with the intelligence of his passing.

"He must tell me lies be-

Smith said. "I know Jeffers played well today but I'm sure he'd be the first to acknowledge Hutchison's contribution." Strachan certainly did al-

though he was more preoccu- a loud cheer. "So Charlton are pied with the failings of his own team. Coventry seemed to assume a right to reach last eight and only stirred themselves when it was far too late. Why? "You can't explain

everything in football," said Strachan, who did not enjoy his team's lack of competitiveness. "I didn't think we could play as badly as we had in the first half

of his early career up front," other 30 minutes so at least we were consistent." Goodison was rediscovering enjoyment to the point where the

> the PA system was greeted with just a point behind us. With a proific team like ours who cares?"
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THAT WAS THE **WEEKEND THAT WAS**



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FRANCIS JEFFERS

No regrets but plenty of memories for Casper

BEN THORNLEY, one of the Second Division Reading for the chance to escape the stars of Huddersfield Town's FA Cup run, is not the only former Manchester United youngster discovering a new lease of life away from the shadows of Old Trafford.

Chris Casper, who attended United's Centre of Excellence at the start of an eight-year association with the club, was good enough to win England Under-21 caps under Alex Ferguson's husbandry - hut not to claim a regular place in the Old Trafford first team.

Now 23, he finally made the hreak last September, joining

£200,000 and has not looked back. "United is one of the biggest and best clubs in the world and I had nearly eight great years there," Casper said. "It did not work out as I wanted hut I have taken positive things from the experience and try to use them in everything I do at Reading. If you can't learn from being with such a great club you can't learn from anything."

gave Casper an appetite for regular first-team games and

A world away from the Premiership

AWAY FROM the megabucks on trial - but the terms were world of the Premiership, football's unemployment figures are on the rise as the strapped-for-cash world of the Nationwide League condemns more players to the league of the willing hut johless.

But if there is living proof that the urge to give up should be resisted it exists in the shape of the former Millwall defender Tony Witter.

The 33-year-old centreback, who had made 99 appearances when released last summer, was ready to accept his career was over after failing to find a new League club. "I spent four months at

Northampton but the promise of a contract never materialised." Witter said. "Torquay offered me one after a month

Loan spells with Bournemouth and Swindon

concentrate on my old job as

not been forgotten by every-

one, as he discovered last

week when the Scunthorpe

manager, Brian Laws, tracked

him down, desperate to find

cover for injured regulars,

Russ Wilcox and Riehard

Logan, to keep alive his Sec-

ond Divisioo promotion hid.

say yes," admitted Witter.

whose performance against

fellow promotion-hunters

Cambridge United on Saturday

helped deny the East Anglian

side a 10th straight home win.

"It did not take me long to

But Witter's talents had

an electrical engineer."

KEY NUMBERS

between Alan Kelly kicking the ball into touch so Sheffield United team-mate Lee Morris could receive treatment and the FA agree-ing that the Cup tie at High-bury could be replayed. not very good. "So I went to Welling, who are coached by a good friend of mine, and was starting to

Andy Cole's total of goals for Manchester United following his 26th-minute strike against Fulham yesterday. 100

shadows with Reading was not difficult to take.

So successful has the move

proved for both parties that

Reading have risen from

next-to-bottom to mid-table in

the Second Division, with

hopes of a play-off place. Casper helped Reading pick

up another useful away point

on Saturday on a ground with

particularly special memories

or him. It was at Burnley's

Turf Moor, in Chris's home

town, that his father, Frank

Casper, became a goalscoring

The minutes that elapsed

legend in the late Sixties.

The goals scored for Exeter by Darren Rowbotham after his winning effort against Brighton on Saturday.

I TOLD YOU SO Obviously, every Chelsea

player is important but Zola is the dangerman Benito Carbone, whose Sheffield Wednesday teammates forgot to mark another of Chelsea's Italians when it mattered most

FA CUP TEAM OF THE WEEK

STEFANO ERANIO Derby County PATRICK VIEIRA

CRAIG HIGNETT

HARRY KEWELL

DAVID HOLDSWORTH Sheffield United TIM SHERWOOD Totternam Hotspur

MARCEL DESAILLY

BENITO CARBONE

pager of the week: Arsing Wangs; a genuine sportsman ance of the small; Barnsley, ready to become sometimes Cup burians slors

Missing... making it... and mistaken



NOTTINGHAM FOREST

The one player to emerge with credit from Leeds United's 3-0 Coca-Cola Cup final drubbing by Aston Villa in 1996, at 18 the future looked hright for Andy, who stirred memories of the wing play of his uncle Eddie. Then along came George Graham, whose cup of tea he was not. Joined Forest - his father Frank's old club - for a mere £175,000 last summer but has so far made only five starts.



ANDY O'BRIEN BRADFORD CITY

The 19-year-old lost his City place under manager Paul Jewell and his appearance against Watford on 6 February was his first for a month. But that did not stop the England Under-21 coach, Peter Taylor, selecting him for last week's friendly against France at Derby and the centre-back justified Taylor's faith. playing an impressive part in a fine victory.



Charles Kennedy

Thanks to Pavel Smicek's recent red card, Pressman started his first senior match for three months on Saturday What has he been doing in the meantime? Preparing his Liberal party leadership challenge, some would



Kevin Pressman

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RUMOURS

Lampard is lined up for £7m Villa move

HOTTEST WEEKEND gossip - as reported by the News of the World, People and Sunday Mirror – is that Frank Lampard, West Ham's Eng-land Under-21 captain, will be the subject of a hid of up to £7m from Aston Villa as John Gregory seeks to revitalise the Midland club's Premiership challenge.

Nicolas Anelka could escape from his "lonely London life" with a £10m move to Real Madrid, according to the Mirror. The People, meanwhile, says Juventus have made an inquiry. The Mirror also says Gianhica Vialli contacted Didier Deschamps while France were in town, perhaps paving the way for a £4m move for the Juventus midfielder.

The News of the World reports a £4m raid planned by Blackburn for Manchester United defender John Curtis, while Chariton are keen on teaming new signing John Barnes with his former Newcastle colleague and ex-Valley favourite Rob Lee, according to the People.

The Mail on Sunday says Newcastle are preparing a £10,000-a-week deal to keep Alan Shearer on Tyneside, but the News of the World reckons Temuri Ketsbaia will leave in the summer because he is unhappy under Rund Gullit. The Mirror suggests that

former Newcastle misfit Stephane Guivarc'h is no more settled at Rangers, who paid £3.5m for him last year, and wants to return to the Continent. The People says Greek club Olympiakos are claiming that Everton Sheffield Wednesday and Celtic have all agreed to meet their £1.5m valuation of striker Alexis Alexandriss.

Speculating on the next England coach, the Mirror says Mohammed Al Fayed will let the Football Association talk to his manager at Fulham, Kevin Keegan, whom the Express says is to be offered the job part-time. The Sunday Telegraph offers an "exclusive" that Leicester's Martin O'Neill could be the man to whom England turn.

SEEN AND HEARD

Forced pun: "A lot of people say that from the air the McAlpine Stadium looks like a banana. Will this be a skin for Derby County?" - Barry Davies, Match of the Doy. at Luca laugh: "Twe no problem with Roberto dyeing his hair

blond - it made it easier for Bjarne to pick him out" -Giantuca Vialli, after Di Matteo headed home Goldback's cross to put Chelsea in the last eight. Chants remark: "Fulham reject" - Fulham fans baiting Andy

Cole, who Arsenal loaned to Craven Cottage in 1991. Pompous, me? "Oh yes, the Kumars. In clothing, weren't they? At the cheaper end of the market, if I recall" - David Mellor, on the owners of Third Division leaders Cardiff City:

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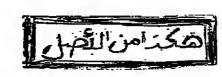
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Hammers keep Forest in their place

FOR HALF an hour at Upton By STEVE TONGUE Park on Saturday, the mood was curmudgeonly. West Ham, after all, had not won in 1999 and were only playing at all because they had been turfed out of the FA Cup by the might of Swansea City. As passes went into touch or straight to the wrong-coloured shirt, and Frank Lampard and Paolo Di Canio failed to hit the goal from a matter of yards out, the ed four goals to one Manches-

West Ham United Nottingham Forest

greater inadequacies, "Anvthing we can do badly they can do worse," observed one Mr

Ron Atkinson, in defiant contrast, was at that stage looking on the bright side. Having yieldonly consolation to be had was ter United substitute in their

the Premiership's bottom club. time without conceding," he said, probably just as Stan down the left for a cross that Ian Pearce knocked in at the far

Six minutes later, Trevor Sinclair on the right did something similar for Lampard and another 8-1 scoreline seemed

this was progress of a sort for crowd grew more benevolent and Atkinson was forced to "I thought we'd get to half change his tune. "At half time my biggest fear was that we'd cave in," be admitted. They Lazaridis sent Eyal Berkovic did not do that, creditably, halving the deficit and maintaining their self-respect without ever really threatening to claim a point. Seven minutes from the end, with West Ham having slipped back into casualness and lethargy, young Joe Cole possible - as long as Forest was the only bome player bright enough to realise that a

defensive wall might be a useful preventive measure as Pierre van Hooijdonk lined up a free-kick. While the others gawped gormlessly, the Dutchman played the double-bluff hy floating it for Jon Olav Hjelde to head in.

Even with Forest's goal difference thus reduced from minus 32 to minus 31, nobody quite had the heart to test the Big Man's powers of optimism by asking about their prospects of staying up - or even whether bados beach.

The rest of the afternoon's entertainment, sadly denied to the crowd, was provided by West Ham's manager, Harry Redknapp. Asked, just as his mobile phone rang, about reports that Blackburn wanted West Ham's captain Steve Lomas to replace Tim Sherwood, Redknapp went into a wonderful pantomime of pretending that the call was from Brian Kidd: "You can have him

he regretted leaving his Bar- on a free, Brian, take him. Alex Ferguson taught you all you

know." No problem."
Goals: Pearce (331 1-0; Lampard (39) 2-0. Hietde (83) 2-1.
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in deriding the visitors' even previous 11 minutes' football, could manage the one. The Houllier still a long way *from success

ONE LOOK at the results they have achieved over the past three months since Gerard Houllier assumed sole responsibility for team affairs at Liverpool following the departure of Roy Evans would suggest the Frenchman is turning things around for the Premiership's big under achievers.

But after watching them struggle to impose themselves on one of the prime candidates for relegation at The Valley on Saturday, it seems evident that Houllier still has plenty to do before Liverpool can compete with the big achievers on a regular basis

It could be argued there were mitigating circumstances: Michael Owen, Jamie Redknapp and Paul Ince were probably suffering a hangover from England's morale-sapping defeat by France three days earlier; Jamie Carragher's controversial dismissal, Liverpool's second in two matches. led directly to Charlton's winning goal, Keith Jones taking full advantage of Liverpool's defensive disarray and Steve Staupton's uncharacteristic hlunder; and Charlton themserves praved with g and determination.

But if Liverpool want to compare themselves with their ments that were apparent only greatest rivals, Manchester to him but after half-time it United, then none of this should be allowed to disguise their longer and flourished three unshortcomings. In order to cope necessary yellow cards in two

By Adam Szreter

Chariton Athletic Liverpool

with the vagaries of form, fitness and confidence they need a bigger squad, and while Carragher's supposed elbowing of Chariton striker Martin Pringle seemed, at the very worst, accidental and in all probability non-existent, a total of two genuine goal attempts prior to that should be Houllier's concern this morning rather than the possibility of an FA reprimand for labelling both Pringle and referee Mike Reed cheats.

"They've got too many prima donnas," one Charlton fan sald of Liverpool on his way out of the ground, and he had a point. Ince and Redknapp in particular gave the impression it was all a hit beneath them. and Houllier's hardest task will either be to coax some consistency out of his highest-paid players or replace them with others who are prepared to work hard.

Referee Reed, it has to be said, was a pain in the neck. He kept his coloured cards close to tenting himself with whistling for a succession of infringeseemed, he could bear it no

minutes. When Pringle went down clutching his throat the red card was sadly predictable. but you have to wonder whether the referee actually saw the incident or just reacted to the Charlton player falling.

For Charlton, though, it was a happy end to a turbulent week following the floodlight fiasco that threatened to overshadow proceedings. It was their second home win in five days and, after looking dead and huried by Christmas, they suddenly have a genuine chance of survival. The atmosphere by the end at what was once the largest of all League grounds was like a carnival, and if any cluh deserves the luck that came their way on Saturday it would have to be Charlton.

"After the run we've had it would have put a lot of people down, but the fans and the players have been up for it all season," said their estimable young manager Alan Curbishley. Liverpool's players woulddo well to take note.

Goal: Jones (70) 1-0. Charlton Achietic (3-5-2): Royce: Mills, Brown, Tiler; Robinson, Jones, Kinsclia, Redfeam (Barnes, 68). Powell: Pringle (Bright, 55), Hunt. Subsidiances not used: Newton, Barness, lic (gk).

exec: M Reed (Birmingham). Sending-off: Cauriton: Carright: Book-ings: Chariton: Mills. Liverpool: Ince. Staunton, Bjornebye. Man of the match: Pringle. Attendance: 20,043.



Liverpool's Vegard Heggem is caught between Charlton's Chris Powell (left) and Mark Kinsella

Rangers destroy Hamilton

RANGERS DULY eased into the BY DAVID MCKINNEY quarter-finals of the Tennents Scottish Cup yesterday by brushing aside the challenge of Hamilton from the First Division in a match which was as one-sided as many had ex-

These cup ties often become an illustration of the vast gulf that exists between the best and the rest in Scottish football. Hamilton were facing

Rangers for the fourth time in as many seasons but rarely in any of the ties did they look like creating a shock of the same proportions as their 1-0 victory at Ibrox 12 years ago.

Accies are no Fulham. While Kevin Keegan's side could travel to Old Trafford and give Manchester United an uncomortable afternoon, the Laharkshire club which is forced

Hamilton Academical

to share the home of Partick Thistle in Glasgow were incapable of rising to the challenge of a higher league and were realistically looking at damage

Their worst fears must have surfaced within five minutes as Rangers took the lead. A corper was flicked on by Jorg Albertz to Jonatan Johansson, whose close-range effort deceived the

defender on the far post. Despite the early goal, and even with four players committed to attack, Rangers opted for control of the game, measuring their passes and building patiently with the pace of Johansson and Rod Wallace

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largely neutralised by a deeplying back five.

Albertz blasted a couple of efforts wide and on the stroke of half-time Rangers doubled their lead Noel McCann collected the ball on the break and elected to go for goal himself but was hrought down by John Hillcoat, the Hamilton goalkeeper. Albertz stroked the resultant penalty into the bottom

corner Ten minutes into the second half Johansson saw his shot on the turn pushed wide by the goalkeeper, but the third goal was delayed for just a minute as Tony Vidmar headed unmarked

into the net from a corner. In a rare excursion forward. Ian McAulay found space to shoot for the Accies but his effort was well saved by Stefan

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produced a fourth goal, when Andrei Kanchelskis played a one-two with Charlie Miller and slammed the ball into the back of his opponents' net from

six vards. In the 73rd minute Stéphane Guivarc'h won a long ball from Kanchelskis and found Johansson, whose speed took him beyond the defence and gave him a simple task to score. Two minutes later, McCann

added a sixth goal for Rangers added a sixtu goal for Kangers with a firm drive.
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Bradford lose touch

In the 65th minute, Rangers BRADFORD'S CLAIMS for an BY MARK PIERSON automatic promotion.place were significantly down-graded as their free-scoring touch went sadly missing under one of Ip-

swich's clean defensive sheets. No team in the Nationwide league has managed as many shut-outs as George Burley's side, who notched-up number 19 in the process of dislodging Bradford from second spot.

Not that Paul Jewell, the

Bradford manager, was prepared to accept this result as a major setback in his club's hid to climb into the Premiership. "As I have just said in the dressing room, it's not just big 5-0 wins that get you promo-tion," Jewell said. "It's the ability to pick up points in matches when you are not at your best, and today we definitely were not David Johnson for diving.

"We did not play well but the players stuck at it. Credit to Ipswich who are very well organised which makes them difficult to beat. It was up to us to break them down, but we couldn't. But I suppose it's how they've managed to keep 19

clean sheets. Although there was much atisfaction from Burley's point of view in nullifying the Bradford threat, the Ipswich manager was still something of a Mr Glum. Burley's chief gripe was the performance of Middles-

hrough referee Graham Franklin, who hooked striker

Burley approached the

Teesside official following the final whistle to challenge a decision which forces Johnson into a one match suspension.

"Maybe I am biased, but for me it was the wrong decision,' Burley said. "That is why 1 spoke to the referee after the game. But he said he was closer to the incident. However, overall, I was pleased with the commitment of the players. We had a lot of possession and worked very bard. I can't fault

White very bard to the rame their commitment."

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Ramage. Ipswich Town (4-4-2): Wright; Wilnis, Isrme, Mowbray, Venus; Clopham, Dyer, Magilton, Holland; Harewood (Naylor 52), Johnson, Substitutes not used:

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ARRIGO SACCHI was sacked as OVERSEAS ROUND-UP coach of Atletico Madrid yes-

terday, a day after the Italian's team suffered its fourth success ive defeat. The decision will be confirmed by the club today. The former Milan and Italy

coach lasted just seven months of a contract that was to have run through June 2000 and leaves with Atletico languishing m ninth place in the Spanish Sacchi became the sixth

coach in Spain to be sacked so far this season, and the Dutchman Guus Hiddink, across the capital at Real, must be a little concerned that be could soon become number seven. His Real side lost 3-0 away to their arch rivals, Barcelona, who made light of having their Brazilian wing-back, Roberto Carlos, sent off after 20 minutes for a wild tackle.

Victory, courtesy of two goals by Luis Enrique and another by by Rivaldo, put the champions and League leaders, Barcelona, on 43 points with Real trailing in a group of four clubs on 37.

BY MARK BURTON

Mallorca continue their strong challenge with a 1-0 home win over Real Sociedad on Saturday, while Celta Vigo continued to slip away with a 2-1 defeat at Valladolid, where Lopez Moreno scored the winner 12 minutes from time.

Brazilian Denilson, the world's most expensive player, hit a rare goal for Real Betis to save a point for them a 1-1 draw at home to Santander.

There are new leaders in side managed only one shot on Gabriel Batistuta, to injury and his Brazilian sidekick, Edmundo, who fancied 10 days at home to enjoy the carnival.

Udinesee to a goal from another

Argentinian, Roberto Sosa. Serie A for the first time in 24 markably they still beat seasons, but hardly with a flour- Internazionale 2-1 at home. ish, ending their run of nine suc- Inter struggled without cessive league wins with a 0-0 Ronaldo and Roberto Baggio,

Italy, where Lazio took advan- target as the tension of tage of Fiorentina's loss of their equalling the Italian record of prolific Argentina striker, 10 straight wins seemed to get to them. Carlo Ancelotti celebrated

his first match in charge of Juventus with a 2-0 win at Fiorentina went down 1-0 at Piacenza, while another managerial debutant, Vujadin Boskov, saw his new club, Pe-Lazio went to the top of rugia, reduced to 10 men but redraw at Cagliari. The Rome who are both injured.

riding Suzukis SO LET'S see if I've got this straight, then - the theory of it at least. This guy from

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the Far East has got this betting syndicate with some mates. He places a bet in Jakarta, on the floodlights failing simultaneously at three English football grounds. His mates fly over to Heathrow They hire 500cc Suzukis and whizz round the country cutting off the juice at the three grounds. He then pockets the winnings.

OK, so I know things didn't quite go according to plan. Thanks, we're told, to a police sniffer dog called Pickles. But what is it with this guy who takes all these bets? He makes Trigger off Only Fools and Horses seem like Magnus Magnusson. 1 mean, most bookies are sharp enough to shave you smooth. This fellow, though, seems as slack as an attack led by Ibrahim Bakavoko.

Can you even begin to imagine the conversation that took place in the guy's office? English subtitles, of course.

"Right, then, So you're putting on 10 billion yen at 20-1 that the floodlights will fail at the matches involving Valleypool and Liverton, Crook Town and Bedlington Terriers. and Adlington and Chipping Norton. Now, you sure that's right?"

"Yup," "Just three failures?"

"You wouldn't like better odds? I mean, nothing like this has ever happened before, you know. You sure I can't throw in that special Parting of the Red Sea/Plague of Locusts each-way double we're offering at 1,000,000-1?"

"Nah! The 20-1 is fine. I've got this feeling in my

"OK then. It's a lot of money you're splashing out, though."
"Yeah. Look, don't

worry. That's gambling. Anyhow, must dash. The lads have got a plane to catch. By the way, don't suppose you've any wirecutters we can borrow?"

Let's be honest, the thing doesn't stack up, does it? In fact, it poses more questions than it answers.

For instance, could even Trigger have fallen for the scam? Did Pickles sniff out the saboteurs? Have Adlington actually got floodlights?

Just consider this for a minute. And 1 know we're only theorising here. But, you've all been to a bookies before. You tell me a bookie who'd offer 1.000.000-1 for that eachway Bihlical double. I mean, come on! With modern-day technology. Wave machines. Tidal Genetic barriers. Engineering. You'd be lucky to get 100-1.

Certainly 150-1 tops. Do you know what I think? I think it was all a double bluff. The whole thing. I'm convinced old Trig was not so dumh after all. I reckon as soon as our syndicate wallah was out of the door, Trig was on the blower to the Sweeney Todd. From then on it was Boh's your uncle. Charlie's your aunt.

And as for Pickles. Do you honestly believe that a dog that was around for the 1966 World Cup could still have such a keen sense of smell 33 years later? I don't.

There again, I wouldn't bet on it.

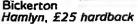
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SATURDAY'S LOTTERY UPDATE.

Draw date: 13/2/99. The winning numbers: 5, 23, 26, 27, 47, 49. Bonus number: 48. Total Sales: 554 863 321. Prize Fund: £24.586.494 (45% of ticket sales)

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Maybe, Just maybe. THE NATIONAL LOTTERY



A FREQUENT thought when watching football the past few years has been topity the players for having to turn out in some of those ghastly strips. It must feel demeaning to come out looking like a paintball victim - and that must affect the way a team plays. Manchester United's grey-shirted derailment at The Deli a few years sgo supports the idea.

In his quasi-anthropological coffee-table book The Football Tribe, Desmond Morris investigated the psychology of football strips. Red is the colour most likely to instil fire into players' hearts, apparently. though Morris was unable to explain why blue, which is supposed to have the opposite effect, is equally popular. Club Colours sensibly avoids

straying into such dodgy waters, restricting itself to mapping the evolution of every side's kit, from the red and hive stripes of 1880s Arsenal to the red, white and blue of 1990s York. We think we had it bad in the early '90s, with the likes of Brighton and Arsenal risking prosecutions for light pollution, but the early days were just as consciousness-altering.

Accordingly, the book fea-tures a welter of op-art creations to daze and confuse, such as Transnere's gold and red halves with hlue shorts, Watford's red, gold and green hoops, York City's chocolate and cream stripes (a nod to the support the club enjoyed in the local Rowntree's and Terry's factories), Luton's blue and pink halves with matching cap or Bolton's white shirts with big red spots.

It's a shame that the book, though exhaustive, is not a complete record of every kit worn by every club. That way it would have provided a service for fanatics, though it would have to have been twice the size or more cramped. As it is, the lay-out and illustrations in coloured pencil are attractive.

Evocative though they are of football's halcyon days, however, they do have the unfortunate effect of flattening out the distinctive features, making each strip too much like the rest -and, rendering in the process even those early-90s abomina-

What the hook lacks is any serious discussion of the topic. How did sportsmen come to wear bright colours in the first place, for example? Presumably heraldry has something to do with it, hut we should be told. Still, this is an entertaining riffle through football's wardrobe. Chris Maume

TOP TEN BOOKS

1 Football Memories, Brian Glanville (Virgin, hardback, £16.99) 2 Wisden Cricketers' Almanack Anstralin 1998, (Hardie Grant Books, hardback £19.99) 3 ESPN Information Please Sports Allebart Memories of Grant Brown, Michael Memories and Mem

manae, ed Gerry Brown, Michael Mor-rison (Hyperion, paperback, £10.50) 4 Made in Leeds: 'Square Ball' since 1989. (Square Ball, paperback, £5.95) 5 Celebrating 7th Mark McGwire's bis-toric season, (The Sporting News, pa-perback, £16.95) 6 Dell Diamond: Ted Bates's first 50 season with the Saints, David Bull (Ha-glology Publishing, hardback, £18.99) 7 Best American Sports Writing 1988 ed Bill Littlefield (Houghton Mifflin, pa-perback, £6.99) manac, ed Gerry Brown, Mi

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Twelve Grand: The Gambler As Hero, Jonathan Rendall (Yellow Jersey,

Hero, Jonathan Rendall (Yellow Jersey, paperback, £ 10)
10 From Save The Bridge To Wemberlee: A Decade Of Writing In The Chelsea Independent, edited by Mark Meehan (CISA, paperback, £ 11.99)
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& St. Ann's Square, Manchester, 01612
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From the ruins of his old life, Carling treads a difficult path

A SHINY mobile phone pressed to his ear, Will Carling locked the doors of the navy Jaguar XK8 before striding up the drive of the four-star hotel

Not exactly sackcloth and ashes, then,

It was tempting to look for signs of contrition in the familiar stocky figure. This time last year Will Carling had settled into a comfortable existence as a retired sporting idol. You could see him on ITV, fronting the game's new era. His businesse were prospering. He was looking ahead to a £1m testimonial game at Twickenham, an unprecedented salute. Beyond that lay other lucrative projects, including an autobiography and a lecture tour.

Twelve months later, the whole thing lies in ruins. His decision to leave the mother of his baby son and to move in with the wife of a former team-mate proved one of those incidents on which a life can pivot. Having feasted on his did-theydidn't-they relationship with Princess Di, the tabloids decided that his abandonment of Ali Cockayne, Gary Lineker's sister-in-law, represented something else altogether. Will Carling, in their view, had strayed permanently offside.

And he is paying the price, all right, in a manner the ancient Greeks would have recognised. As he sat in the bar at the Petersham Hotel in Richmond on Friday, old fellows in blazers and their wives glanced at him with restrained curiosity as they downed their prelunch gins. You could see them adjusting their instinctive recognition to take account of more recent factors. Younger people tend to be blunter. That morning a woman had said to me. with some asperity: "Tell him he's a prat."

Even at the height of his success, when he was leading England to three Grand Slams as captain, he was seen by some as a smug git. So a certain amount of sardonic amusement greeted the news last month of his decision to don the motley once more and return to Harlequins, a year after he had walked out of the club following a dispute with the coach, Andy Keast, and a mere four months after he published an autobiography that concluded: "I don't miss rugby and I don't regret the decision to quit." When we met, last Friday, he had

been due to travel with Quins to Gloucester, but had just declared himself unfit. A back twinge, he said, although generally speaking his fitness didn't seem to be a problem. "Tve read certain reports about how you can't hope to be out for so long and come back and do it," he said, "But I was thinking the other day about how Jerry [Guscott] was out for a year when he had a groin injury. The thing is, when you come back you feel better than when you had to stop. You feel great. You've had a rest.'

But presumably, during his histus, he had maintained a fitness regime to keep himself in trim. "No. No weight training, no nothing." He gave a laddish chuckle. "I haven't admitted that to anybody." Not even a few press-ups in the hathroom? "No. About six runs, that's all." Had he played any other sport? "No. But I've lost nearly two stone in the last year" How? Why? "Dunno. Certain amount of stress, possibly."

Yes indeed. The last four months have not been kind to his reputation. the commodity on which his prosperity rests. His book came out during the scandal, and sold poorly. The testimonial was cancelled, along with the lecture tour. His television contract was not renewed.

Yet the decision to return to playing is, he claims, motivated neither by the money (which is nothing like the annual 150K that Quins were paying him before he retired) nor by a need to restore his public image. The reasons, according to him, are both simpler and more profound.

"There's no doubt that it's comforting playing rugby," he said. "It's what I've done for years and years,



RICHARD WILLIAMS

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and it's lovely to go back into a group of people, like other people in my life, who have no interest in certain areas. All that's irrelevant because they know me. I've gone back because I want to do it. I want to play well and leave a different memory at The club's New Zealand man-

agement troiks - John Gallagher, Zn-zan Brooke and Bernie McCahill had been asking him, he said, ever since they took over from the sacked Keast. "At the beginning, I just didn't feel the desire. I was being approached and offered God knows what from all sorts of clubs, in terms of money, and I said no to everyone." Hadn't he, as the papers alleged, initiated approaches to clubs in France and Wales? "No."

And then, two days before he was due to leave for Japan on business in mid-January, Gallagher made another call. He persuaded Carling to go and watch Quins play London Scottish the next day. "I went into the changing-room," Carling said, "to see Jason [Leonard]. It was the first time I'd been in there since I stopped. They have a ceremony now where when you've played a certain amount of games you get a blazer, and they said, 'Come in, Will.' So I stayed around and then I went home and I said to a friend, That's the first time I've thought, I miss this.' It wasn't the playing. It was the humour, the craic, it was all the boys' stuff."

In Japan, he made his decision. "I know certain people think it's money or PR. It's certainly not money and at the end of the day it's not PR, because there's no way you're going to go on the pitch in the pouring rain and get hit hy people that size just for PR. I'm not into

Was it a form of rehabilitation? me. no."

Thinking back to the woman who had called him a prat, I asked if he hadn't felt the blast of public disap-

"None whatsoever Lots of hlasts of public support and sympathy. With what I've read in certain papers, I'd have expected to be stoned in the street. It hasn't happened. Maybe be-cause people realise... I hope they realise... that you don't do it on purpose. It's a bad enough time, and .. well."

But surely the return offered him a chance to rebuild the only platform he ever had, and to make himself credible again, at least in business terms?

"There are certain things we're doing at the moment which are going well anyway. I'm going to be the ambassador for the Japanese sevens, for instance, which is going on in April. There are some other long-term projects to do with Japanese rugby. We're going to be doing hospitality around a number of sports events, starting with the World Cup. All in all, business is very good, very exciting."

In his view, the return to playing involves no risk. "Quins asked me back. I didn't go and say. 'Please give me another chance.' That was flattering. The response I got from the players when I went back was very touching. If I can't be bothered to do



and I have the desire to do it for three months. In that way I have no risk. In terms of what other people think, I've realised I have no control over that anyway." His successor as England captain,

Lawrence Dallaglio, had made encouraging noises about no door being closed. "I think he was just

was young and you were England captain, I used to think you were a complete... whatever... because you hardly ever played for Harlequins. But after my first season I realised why. It's knackering.' It's impossible to tell someone what it's like to captain England, and how tiring it is. It's lovely, but it's huge. And

With what I've read in certain papers, I'd have expected to be stoned in the street. But it hasn't happened'

being polite. I have no aspiration for it. With Harlequins it's a matter of unfinished business, and I don't feel I have any unfinished business with England

Inevitably, his reappearance has been greeted with cynicism hy those who accused him of showing little interest in club rugby during his England days. "It's like anything in life. You have priorities. I had an

it basically takes over your life. And although I came out and said that England was my priority, I think any rugby player would say that. They just don't say it because it doesn't look right. But I don't think many players would put their club before their country. Because when you're

five or six years old, you dream of

He can't see his return lasting be-

playing for England

ministrators - he would select Stransky for England ("You pick the best available, full stop") and he thinks a European version of the Super 12 offers the only prospect of a Northern Hemisphere nation ever winning the World Cup - but "business is where I want to go, in the long term".

He looked through the windows of the Petersham Hotel, set high on Richmond Hill, and across the Thames towards the dark grey drum of Twickenham. This is where England have gathered before home matches for the past 20 years. This was where Carling gave his team talk on his debut as captain, younger than any of his squad. staring into the hard, experienced eyes of men like Wade Dooley. Peter Winterbottom and Jeff Probvn. "I always used to have the room

two floors above here," he said. Same room every time. In the days when I was first captain, you'd pull in here on a Wednesday evening. You'd spent Monday and Tuesday on your own, and all you could think about was everything to the hotel and see guys like Wade and Winters and you'd think, 'It's going to be all right.' So I loved getting here. You could switch off from the world. It was rugby, and that was

He paused. "Stupid little memories. On Fridays we'd have a run-out. and come back and they'd have lovely hig thick white towels. You'd have a hot bath, wrap yourself up in about three of those towels, lie on the bed and sleep for a couple of hours. I used to love that. And that evening I used to stand on my balcony and look out and see Twickenham."

They must seem a long time ago, the days when he could raise his arms to salute Twickenham's adoring throng and then choose whether to celebrate by beating up a hotel bar with his mates from the SAS or by staring into the eyes of a willowy blonde over a candelit dinner.

He is, as he says, a man of contradictions. And as he grapples with fate, sometimes even the smuggest of gits, which he may or may not be. can be forgiven his moment of pathos.

THE WEEK AHEAD: MAIN EVENTS

placed Leeds United.

FOOTBALL: Worthington Cup: semi-final, second leg: Wimbledon (0) v Tottenham (0). The latest episode in the draw-heavy miniseries must produce a finalist from this fixrure, even if matters have to be settled on penalties.

RUGBY UNION: Clive Woodw due to name his England side for Sat-urday's Five Nations match against Scotland. The main Issue to be de-cided is who will play at outside-half, with three contenders vying for the spot. Northampton's Paul Grayson, Bath's Mike Catt and Newcastle's Johny Wilkinson are the men in the running, Grayson and Catt have not shown great form recently. Wilkinson has, but mainly at centre.

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL: Premiership: Man-chester United v Arsenal is the pick or the midweek matches, with Unit-ed four points clear at the top of the table and in good form, and Ar-senal, sitting in third, also on a roll. At the same stage of last seasons also Fersiason's root were assumed. Alex Ferguson's men were assumed to be well on their way to the title,

but an Arsenal purple patch (10 con-secutive wins, including a win at Old Trafford in the equivalent of this fix-(10th) and those vying for a play-off place. Bradford will be looking to maintain their challenge for the second automatic promotion spot. ture) brought that to an end. The pick of the the day's other match-SATURDAY es will see second-placed Chelsea at

home to Blackburn and fourth-placed Aston Villa hosting seventh-RUGBY UNION: Five nations: A eyes will be on England as they take their bow in this year's competition Worthington Cup: semi-final, secat Twickenham against Scotland. Wales, who lost their opener to the Scots, play 'at home' at Wembley against Ireland, who were unlucky ond leg: Leicester (2) v Sunderland (1). Peter Reld's side may be eight nts clear in the First Division and losers against the French In Dubli in their first match. as close to certainties as it is pos-sible to be for promodon, but they stumbled in the first leg of this tie

angrily denied this.

in their first match.

RACING: Teeton Mill, the nation's latest favourite grey, runs in the Mitsubishi Shogan Chase at Ascot. It will be the horse's first outing since winning the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day last year and will give his supporters the chance to see if whispers about his well-beling in recent weeks have any truth and will face a stern test in at-tempting to overcome the deficit. Martin O' Neil's Foxes have not been playing to their potential in the Pre-miership this season but this com-petition offers the best chance of European football next season and that is sure to add motivation. ing in recent weeks have any truth in them. The rumour mill suggests Teeton Mill – second-favourite to Florida Pearl for the Cheltenham FOOTBALL: Nationwide League First Division: Sheffield United v Bradford City. Having been re-prieved after an unjust result in the FA Cup, the Blades will attempt to close the gap between themselves Gold Cup and also second favourite to Double Thriller for the Grand Na-tional – has met with a setback, but Venecia Williams, his trainer, has

THE WEEK AHEAD: SPORT ON TELEVISION ternational lightweight bout Bruno Wartelle v Pablo Sarmiento

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THURSDAY

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14.30-17.05 C4 Racing from Newcastle and Warwick
16.30-17.40 ITV (except Anglia, 16.4517.40, and not HTV) Rugby Union Highlights of England v Scotland
22.40-23.50 BBC1 Match of the Day
Main match: Coventry City v Manchester

SUNDAY 13.30-17.10 BBC2 Souday Grand-13.45-16.00 C4 Football Italia Injernazionale v Lazio 00.25-00.55 C5 Sports Talk 00.55-04.40 C5 NHL Ice hockey

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Everton ready for a new era

the opposition a replay following a 2-1 home win in the fifth round of the 1999 FA Cup?" And anachronistic gesture from a cynithe gifted-but-troublesome England midfielder Regan Gascoigne will rack his brains (every one of them inherited from his mother's side of more astonishing events of the the family) and say: "It's not fair, I always get the hard ones."

I spent yesterday trying to get worked up on Sheffield United's behalf following Nwankwo Kanu's shameless opportunism, or as Steve Bruce put it, "ungentlemanly conduct". But I failed. After all, isn't football already a study in ungentlemanly conduct?

Consider the professional foul. The penalty-seeking dive. The attempts to get opposing players sent off, as perpetrated by Slaven "Kenneth Branagh" Bilic on Laurent Blanc in the semi-final of the World Cup. And consider too the nearcanonisation of Robbie Fowler. when he told a referee that Liverpool did not deserve a penalty. That was like praising a man for not rob-

The convention of booting the ball

N 2022, it will be a teaser on back to the opposition when a game A Question of Sport - "Why is restarted after a player has redid a winning manager offer ceived medical attention is worthy enough. But let's not delude ourselves that it is anything but an cal game in which cheats often prosper. And having got that off my chest, let me now focus on the far weekend, namely the goals by Francis Jeffers and John Oster which beat Coventry and took Everton into the quarter-finals of the Cup.

Surgeons can give pigs' hearts to humans, aeroplanes can fly faster than the speed of sound, I can sell an eight-year-old Volvo in cyberspace. Hale and Pace can get their own television series, but until Saturday Everton could not score more than a single goal at Goodison Park. The statistics are shaming. In the Premiership, this season's top scorer at Goodison is Manchester United. And United have scored 45 more League goals than Everton. A difference of 45 goals, half-way through February. Dixie Dean will be turning in his grave. Bob Latchford will be kicking the cat.

Yet we Evertonians don't care about any of that now, and those of



BRIAN VINER

Let's focus on the astonishing events at

Goodison rather than an anachronistic gesture from a cynical game where cheats often prosper

us with longish memories can't help recalling that League form was also pretty dire in 1983-84, until the fabled Kevin Brock back-pass at Oxford United let in Adrian Heath, whose

goal arguably sparked off a chain of events which led to a Milk Cup final against Liverpool, an FA Cup, two League championships and a European Cup-Winners' Cup, all in the space of three seasons.

I'm reasonably certain that nothing like that will happen this time. But even so, it was heart-warming - if a trifle disorientating - to hear Stuart Hall say on Rodio 5 Live that Everton were "a revelation bordering on the brilliant today".

Never mind that he used to heap exactly the same sort of praise on the It's A Knockout team from Weston-super-Mare which, despite wearing Tweedledum and Tweediedee costumes, managed to avoid-being knocked off rope ladders with giant sponges thrown by the team from Leighton Buzzard. I'm sure that he knows what he's talking about football-wise. Even if nobody else does.

Last week incidentally more than 50 MPs with nothing better to do, signed a parliamentary motion congratulating Stuart Hall on 40 years in hroadcasting. "His use of the English language - especially in football reporting - has made him an icon with the youth of today," declared the motion. "His rich, melliftuous voice is redolent of Sinden and Gielgud, intertwining Shakespeare, Keats, Wordsworth et al, amid the mnd and tears at Accrington Stanley."

Actually, it sounded suspiciously as if he wrote it himself. And I don't think he spends much time at Accrington Stanley any more. But I have to say that the old boy's verbase meanderings on Sports Report have given me much pleasure through the years, and have brightened up many a forlorn drive home

These days, I only get to see Everton when they play in London, usually with my friend Chris, whose distinctive Liverpudlian accent can sometimes be a liability.

I recall sitting in the main stand during a game at Stamford Bridge a few years ago, which Everton were leading 1-0 with five minutes to go. To my horror, Chris's emotions suddenly nutmegged his brain, and he stood up and yelled "Come on ref, blow the bloody whistle!"

As 30 or 40 very disapproving faces turned our way, he had to make that snap decision familiar to many people who follow their teams away from home. Loyalty or survival? Mercifully, he chose survival and mustering a passable West London accent, added, at the top of his voice, "before those Scouse bastards get another bleeding goal!"

SPORT ON THE INTE NET ANDY OLDFIELD

TELEVISION AUDIENCES for snooker have diminished since the 1980s, but small-screen aficionados can get a greenbaize fix on demand on their PC monitors courtesy of the World Wide Web.

WWW Snooker is a good starting point if access to facts and figures appeals. It does not take much ferreting there to find that in the Regal Scottish Open at Aberdeen this week the Scot John Higgins will try to go one better than last year where he lost in the final 5-9 to Ronnie O'Sullivan.

There is a vast amount of information on the site about players and rankings, as well as past and present tournaments with coverage of the qualifying stages. Reading about those who fell before the first round proper in Aberdeen is like consulting a who-was-who of a previous generation: Kirk Stevens, Tony Knowles, and Dennis Taylor all failed to make the cut. Stevens even failed to make the venue.

A chat room for talking online is a feature that is becoming a standard on Web sites. WWW Snooker provides one that is fast and easy to use with message updates every 15 seconds. If you want to know where to find snooker video footage on the Web, sign in. Someone posted that particular request on Saturday, there ought to be some answers there by now.

Eric Whitehead is a photographer who specialises in snooker, His site, Snooker Images, is a portfolio and an information resource. He hoasts an online gallery going back 20 years, and has a hlank page set up ready to display pictures from this year's Scottish Open. As well as graphics, there are plenty of words - features, news, player biographies and a



calendar of dates and venues for the season's major compe-

Tom Phillips maintains the Jimmy White Snooker Site, an online shrine to Jimmy White MBE who won the Scottish Masters in 1981. There are the usual links, guestbook, results and news pages. "Sightings of the Whirtwind off the table" sounds like it could be tabloid territory, but it turns out to be an archive of White-friendly media coverage where inter-views and profiles of the man are collected.

Being an unofficial site, there is some hite in these pages. If you follow the links to the irony page you're left in no doubts as to the site owner's feelings about certain other players on the circuit.

Those more interested in their own prowess on the table can put themselves in the frame by brushing up on their tech-niques with a visit to the Embassy World Snooker Online Guide where John Virgo outlines a couple of neat trick shots. Fortunately the page omits the script for his banter with the audience at exhibi-

If you don't have chalk and a cue, Virtual Snooker could be worth a try. At the Web site, you can download a demo of this fiendishly good PC snooker simulation. With the full version you can enter virtual contests and take on other players over

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OUESTIONNAIRE ROGER BLACK, FORMER ATHLETE

be the next England football manager? Kevin Keegan, an old favourite of mine from the days when I used to watch

Southampton. What was the last book you

read? Against the Wall, by Simon Yates. It's all about mountain

When was the last time you cried over a sporting event? I cried while I was warming down after the AAA trials last summer when Solomon Wariso beat me to third place

What sort of curry do you prefer? A mild one. I'm a korma man rather than a vindaloo man

in the 400 metres and was subsequently picked for the

World Championships.

What is your most valuable possession? My dog, Jasper. I don't regard my fiancée, Elsa, as a

Which sporting figure would you like to sit next to on a 36-hour journey? Boris Becker, I'm sure we would have a lot to talk about. and not just on the subject of sport. Perhaps we would have some things in common.

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SPORTING VERNACULAR 1. SKIING

WITH THE World Alpine Championships coming to an end in Colorado yesterday, it is timely to reflect that for most people it is a common experience for the word "skid", with its connotation of being out of control, to bear a close relation to the word "ski" (with its connotation of being out of control).

And indeed, this turns out to he the case. Though 19th century British ski hums are usually credited with inventing the sport, the word itself comes, unsurprisingly, from Norway, where a "ski" was originally simply a piece of wood split

from a tree trunk, then later a snow shoe. The Old Norse word was "skith", which in turn came from the Germanic word "skaith", the root from which we get the words "sheath" and "shed".

From "skith" also comes "skid", which originally signified a block of wood for stopping a wheel, later taking on the idea of a wheel slipping when it is prevented from revolving. In 1755, the Monthly Review reported that peasants were wading through the snow on "skies", and from there it was a smooth ride to Colorado.

CHRIS MAUME

LETTER FROM

DUBAI

Where else in the world would it be possible to watch Colin Montgomerie in the afternoon, Tim Henman in the evening and Frankie Dettori before bedtime

A desert * fantasy made real

THE TEMPTATION was to pop this dispatch from Dubal in a green pillar hox outside Ballinasioe Post Office, which is just as Irish as it sounds. Fortunately I was warned that the post box is purely ornamental, unlike the rest of the replica Irish village, which was shipped irom Dublin and bullt into the side of the \$7m (£4.32m) tennis stadium here. Even the Guinness has travelled well

It is not a mirage. Nor was the feast of sport on offer here last week. Where else in the world would it be possible to see Colin Montgomeric play a \$1.36m PGA Tour event in the afternoon, watch Tim Henman take part in a \$1m tennis tournament in the evening, and catch Frankie Dettori at the track before bedtime (albeit finishing second on a horse named Playacting)?

Investment in high-profile sports events has helped Dubai's rulers convert a desert into an international centre for trade, tourism and en- branch. tertainment, in the knowledge that within the next 25 years they will have no oil to sell. "Many oil countries live entirely on their oil, but less than 25 per cent of our economy is from oil," says Sheikh Mohammed. the Crown Prince of Dubai, the world's wealthiest owner of race horses, and the motivator of most of

This morning the build-up to the fourth running of the world's rich- Sheikh Mohammed, began to proest horse race, the \$5m Dubai World Cup, sponsored by Emirates Air- in 1988 with the Dubai Duty Free lines, on Sunday 28 March, is due to Snooker Classic. Golf, powerboat gather momentum with a press racing and basketball followed and Hotel, featuring a slide presentation of possible contenders. The purse has been increased this year by \$1m to stay ahead of the field.

Next may come a move to stage the \$3.6m ATP Tour Championship.

finale to the men's tennis tour which is open to offers now that its restdence in Hanover is about to end in November.

Big-time sport arrived here in a duty free hag carried by Colm McLoughlin, whose home in Ireland (pop. 6,000) in County Galway. His father, Thadgh, 91, and mother, Mel, 81, still live there. The middle of five children, McLaughlin's two older brothers, Ray and Felidim, played rugby for Ireland, Ray captaining the country in the 1960s and also playing for the Lions.

Colm McLoughlin, 55, worked his way to general manager of the duty free shops at Shannon Airport, via a Didcot canning factory, a Walls meat factory and jobs in London as an encyclopaedia salesman, a trollybus conductor and a stockroom boy at Woolworths in Acton, rising to deputy manager of the Oxford Street

In 1983. Dubai Civil Aviation, through its Irish counterpart, invited McLoughlin to help them establish a duty free operation at the airport. He came on a four months' consultancy, hringing with him two compatriots. John Sutcliffe and George Horan. They have been here ever since, McLoughlin as managing director.

McLoughlin, encouraged by mote Dubai through sport, starting conference at the local Ritz-Cariton Dubai Duty Free has owned and or-1993, McLaughlin becoming a key figure in initiating and overseeing the construction of the stadium, which was completed in five months. the last touch of paint being applied



All very Irish: A village which has been shipped over from Dublin and rebuilt in Dubai

on the eve of the 1996 event. The sta- box may not be in use, but it is pos- old post office had been transferred dium is also used for concerts, and Chris Eubank has punched his

weight there. The bar-restaurant in the Irish Village, which has a staff of 25 ganised the tennis tournament since from Ireland, flourishes all year round. McLoughlin rates it the busiest in Dubai. The flagstones on the terrace are from a quarry in the west of Ireland, and the cobblestones are from Dublin. The post graph it and show his father that the

sible to make calls from the Irish to the Middle East. telephone box.

McLoughlin made a small conasked what name they were going town in the west of Ireland. Tonguein-cheek, he asked them to make it naturally. Ballinasioe so that he could photo-

The Dubai tennis tournament has won the ATP Tour's "Award for fession. When the signwriters were Excellence" for player services. working on the replica post office, he Alex Corretja, of Spain, the ATP Tour champion, marked the occato use. He was told Westport, a sion by presenting McLoughlin with a crystal trophy. Waterford crystal,

JOHN ROBERTS

BIRTHDAYS Tossorrows: John McEnroe, terois player (born 1959, Wiesboder, West Germany) Weedseaday: Michael Jordan Jorner basketball player (Brookin, 1963) Thursday: Bobby Robson football coach, PSV Eindhoven (Langley Park, Co Durham, 1933): Rob Andrew, rugby player (Richmond, Vorishme, 1963) Saturdiava Immy Greaver. mond. Vorkshire, 1963)
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ANNIVERSARIES

fourth Test in Brisbane to re-gain the Ashes in the Bodyline series (1933).
Wednesday: Skier Lean-Caude Killy won a third gold medal in the Winor Olympics at Grenoble (1968).
Thermating-Pootballiers Oliver Vaughton and Arthur Brown became the first England play-ers to score har-dricks in a full international, during the 13-0 win over Ireland (1982). Sendings Duncan Edwards died aged 21, two weeks af-ter the Munich disaster (1958).

THE WEEK AHEAD: FIXTURES

TODAY Nidderminster v hettering RUGBY LEAGUE (3.0): Slik Cut Chal-lenge Cup Fourth Round Oldham v Devisbury (7.45): RACING- Hereford (2.0): Plumpton (1.50): SOUTHWELL (All-weather Flat, 2.10)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL (7.45 unless stated): The Worthington Cup send-final second lag: Wimbledon V Totrenham (8.05) Nationaride League First Division: Norvech V Barnslev, Watford v Muddersfield, Third Division: Darington v Hull (7.30): Swarnsev Brentford, The Anto Windscreens Saleid Northern section semi-final: Lincoln Cuy v Wechham Southern section semi-final: Lincoln Cuy v Wechham Valingham; Walsall v Cambridge Utd Nationavide Conference: Southport v Hereford: Welling v Rushden & Dumonds, Yeard v Woking, RACING: Sedgehold (2.0): Leicestei (2.20): Lingfield (All-weather Flar, 2.10)

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FOOTBALL (7.45 unless stated): The Worthington Cup sami-final second leg: Leicester v Sinderdand. FA Carling Premiership: Aston Villa v Leeds. Chelsos v Blackburn Everton v Middlesbrough (8.0). Man Utd v Arsenal (8.0). Newcastle v Coventry. The Auto Mindsorvens Stitled Northern Section

quarter-final: Rochdale v Hallfan, Sout-tish Premier Leaguet Celing v Kil-marnock, Rapresentative March: Dr Martens League v Helleme League (7.30, at Pager Rangers FC) BASKETBALL: Budwelser Leaguer adidas Greater Lendon Leopards v Chester fets Jar Brentwood, 7.301, Mil-ton Newmas Lens v Edinburgh Rocks (7.301). Newcastle Eagles v Thames Vol-ley Tigers (7.91, Unball trooping, settal-final, 2nd leg: Manchester Glants v Westred Sharks Sneffeeto (7.401, RRACING, Masselburgh (1.501, WOLVER-HAMPTON (All-sweather Flat, 2.10): Folkestone (2.0).

THURSDAY RUSBY UNION: Chefrenham and Glouoster Cup Second Round: Bistol v Northampton (7 30). BASKETRALL: Uni-ball proping, semi-final, 2nd legt Revoult Levester Riders v Derby Storm (8 0). RACING UNIONED (4)-mouther Plat, 2 0): Sundown (1 50): Taunton (2.10).

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POOTBALL [7 45 unless stated): Nationalide Pootball League First Division: Shelfred Utd v Bradford Tairel Division: Cardin v Abulatu (7 30).
RUGGY UNION: A Internationals: England A (or Ebba Utde. 7.0). Wales A v Ireland A (or Ebba Utde. 7.0). Under-21 Internationals: England v Scotland (or Treft. 7.3): Wales a Ireland (of Coorphaly, 2 30).
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Carling Premierships Arsenal v Leicester: Blactburn v Sheff Wed; Coventry v
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Chelsea: Southampton v Newcastle.
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Barnsley v Grimsty; Blacy v Norwich:
Crewe v Stockpon; Huddersfield v Tranmere: Ipswich v Ondord Urd; Port Vale
v Crystal Palace: OFR v Walford: Sunderland v Wolverhampton; Swindon v
Portsmouth: West Brom v Bristol Cry.
Sectand Division: Blackpool v Lincoin
Cly: Bristol Rovers v Luton: Fulliam v
Notts County; Gillingham v Colchester:
Man City v Macclesfield; Miliwail v
Stoke: Ofdham v Northampton: Reading v Preston; Walsali v Chester field:
Wigan v Bournemouth: Wrecham v Nort,
Wytombe v Buthley, Taird Division:
Carlisle v Mansfield: Darlington v Plymouth: Exeter v Hartlepool: Hull v Barnet: Leyton Orient v Cambridge Urd:
Peterborough v Shrewsbury; Rochesham v Brentford, Scarborough v
Swanssea: Scunthorpe v Rochtdie.
Southend v Brighton: Torquay v Chester,
Nationwide Conference: Battow v
Veovit: Forest Green v Doncaster; Hayes
v Wooking: Herelord v Cheitenham;
Kingstonian v Retrering: Leek Town v
Stevenage: Morecambe v Dover: Rushden & Diamonds v Hednesford, Southport v Fambotough: Tellford v
Kidderminster: Welling v Northwich.
Soottish Premier: Liengue: Dundee Utd
v Aberdeen, Hearts v St Johnstone; Kil-

marrock v Duntermline ; Rangers v Dundee. Scottast League First Division: Airdine v St Mirren; Falkerk v Hibernian: Greenock Morton v Hamilton: Roll by Arros Stranger v Clydebonk, Second Division: Alloa v Inverness Caledonia: Arbraath v Striffing. Clyde v East File; Livingston v Forfar; Fartick v Queen of South Titlard Divisions: Bernylck v Queen's Park, Brechin v Stemnousenwin; Covidenbeath v Monitrose; Dumbarton v Albons: Ross County v East Striffig. FR Carlisberg Vest Silvan Round: Bedfington Ferners v Workington: Tentron Town v Limington & Militon; Therton Rown v Clintens; Woodbridge Toyn v Thane Lido: Connan's Quay v Inter Cable-Pet; Conwy v Cermbran: Rinji v Bangor Div; Bass Irish cop Shafir Round: Ballyncha: Carlick v Ards: Giffondlie v Glentoran: Coleranne v Loughad Uct. Distillery v Brantwood: Glenavon v Crusaders: Linfield v Chimurey Corrier; Lurgan Celik v Portadown

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Giants v Peugeor Bullets Birmingham (7.10); ITT Life Worthing Bears v Metor (7.10); ITT LEE Worthing Bears v Mitton Keynes Lions (8.0).

BOXING (or Mediton Square Gorden, New York): IBF avorld welterweight championship: Felix Urindod (Puerto Rica, holder) v Periodi Whitsker (US), BEFjunior-welterweight khampionship: Vince Philips (US, holder) v Remon Millett (US), WBC cruiserweight championship (or Homburg): Juan Carlos Gomez (Lo, holder) v Marcelo Dominguez (Arg.)

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RACING: Ascot (1,20); Newcastle (1,35); Worwich (2,05); LINGFIELD (All-weather Figt. 2,0); WOLVERHAMPTON (All-weather Figt. 7,0). SUNDAY FOOTBALL: FA Carling Premiership 14 0]: Wimbledon v Aston Villa, Nazien-wide League First Division (1.0):

Birmingham City v Bolton Wanderers. Scottish Premier League [6.05]: Motherwelt v Celtic. International Friendig: USA v Chile for Fort Laud-erdole, Ficritis]. erdale, Picrisia).
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Tigers know danger is not yet averted

assault, now for the sneaky ambush. Six points clear with seven matches to go, Leicester appear to have it sorted; generously endowed with more Test talent than they know what to do with - they hit the Johnny-come-latelys of London Irish with 13 full internationals - the Tigers are also the bungriest, closest-knit, best organised and most ruthless band of cut-throat desperadoes in the Premiership. Done and dusted, then? Sure, just as Crisp was home and dry at Aintree and Kevin Keegan had the title in the bag at Newcastle United. The last lap is always the longest, especially when your greatest strengths begin to conspire against you. Try persuading Dean

Richards that the Premiership entered the realms of the foregone conclusion on Saturday. The Leicester manager is hardly the most animated of souls - he tends to celebrate comprehensive victories in the same way Eeyore celebrated his birthday - but he is perfectly justified in insisting that his side are now heading for perilous depths rather than coasting gently towards the jetty. "These next few weeks are the difficult ones," he growled. "The Five Nations is our biggest problem because it will stretch our squad to the limit and in a way, I feel we're being penalised for having so many good English players." Then, out of nowhere, a half-smile. "Thank God we're out of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Cup."

Over the next eight weeks, three-quarters of the Tigers' spirit into the red rose whirl; so too will Austin Healey, their best scrum-half, and Leon Lloyd, whose sleek prowess on the four Friday run-outs with the second-string A team. Threaded between the rep-

resentative demands are a knock-out guarter-final at Richmond and Premiership games against Northampton, Wasps. Saracens and, depending on playing field levels out. cup commitments, Bath. There lot; just a series of hard, bruis-Knackering the pit-head.

Thanks a bunch.



HEWETT

London Irish

Back, whose afternoon of high adventure amid a thicket of Irish knees and elbows left him very much the worse for wear. "I suppose it's the price you pay for success. At the start of the in 10 Premiership games. Then shipped six in 80 minutes. If that were to cost us the title. I'd be bloody annoyed. Still, we're a stronger squad now than we were two years ago, when we ended up playing nine games in 27 days. That was an impossihle situation; we were starting matches with injured players.

On the face of it, Leicester put an entire Pacific of clear hlue water between themselves and their two remaining rivals, Northampton and Saracens. by out-muscling a London Irish outfit that hreezed into the East Midlands with a new superiority complex where their old give-it-a-lash-for-an-hour philosophy used to be. Yet despite their personnel resources pack will be sucked body and and the user-friendly tactical approach that allows secondstringers to fit easily into a tried and trusted system, certain forwards - Richard Cockerill, right-wing should ensure him Darren Garforth, Martin Johnson, Martin Corry and Back himself - are close to indispensible. Which is why the Five Nations is so threatening to the champions-elect: remove two or more of the big-hitters from the Tiger-striped equation and the

All things being equal, are no gimmes amongst that though, the front-runners will without too much trautha. Certainly, their victory on Saturday was more clear-cut than the "ft's simply unrealistic to pre-match hypesters imagined; expect every last one of us to Joel Stransky's six first-half get through the next couple of penalties spoke volumes for months in one piece," admitted the pressure exerted by the an extensively stitched Neil uglies up front and if London

Irish enjoyed a brief but exhilarating resurrection after the break, it had more to do with Leicester complacency than any sea change in the balance of forward power. "Why are we so utterly useless after halftime?" moaned Graham Rowntree, happily restored to something like his old self after the physical and psychological torments of the previous 12 months. "It happens every week and we need to get our heads together."

As the Irish discovered to their cost, all the Steve Bachops and Brendan Venters in the world are of precious little value if they are denied the son and Fritz van Heerden closed out the Exiles at the lineout, not least because the otherwise impressive Richard Kirke threw like Boy George rather than Bobby George, and the visiting front row were wholly de-energised by repulsing the ABC triumvirate at 10 five-metre scrums.

Add to that some one-eved refereeing from the theatrical Graham Hughes and there was little to prevent an eighth straight Premiership victory for Deano's little darlings.

We came here to find out how good we were and we discovered the answer: nowhere near as good as we thought," said Dick Best, the London

We like to operate a 'press defence, which involves getting into opposition faces very quickly, but the referee picked us up on it early and it killed us. Instead of learning the lesson and dropping off a metre, we stood our ground and gave away penalties, some of them pretty mindless. It's all about basics, really. We've been on the crest of a wave and when you're up there, the little things tend to get overlooked."

For all that, Best was not crying in his beer; in fact, he seemed quietly pleased. Saturday's shuddering collision with the Welford Road buffers means he can now continue his team-building project in relative peace and tranquillity.

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The London Irish scrum-half, Kevin Putt, is held by Leicester flanker Lewis Moody at Welford Road

Video may prompt Healey probe

AUSTIN HEALEY, otherwise BY CHRIS HEWETT known as the Leicester Lip, will discover later today whether the Rughy Football Union requires him to talk his way out of a potentially nasty disciplinary scrape arising from the Tigers' comfortable 31-10 Premiership victory over London Irish at Welford Road on Saturday.

The Exiles were examining television hootage of an incident that left Kevin Putt, their New Zealand-born scrum-half and Healey's opposite number, in need of six stitches to a wound over his right eye. A reverse

on Putt's face as the London Irish player lay on the floor near a 14th-minute ruck. Putt was not badly hurt - after five minutes of patching up, he continued for the remaining hour of the match - but there was a good deal of bitter resentment among the Irish playthe M1.

really can't say anything about the incident itself because I'm not completely sure what happened. As far as I'm concerned, the matter is behind me. I've no interest in pursuing it."

But it will not be Putt's decision: even if Dick Best, the Exiles coach, and his fellow administrators decide against

around early in the game but I with by the match official. The union also suspended another Falcons forward, Dean Ryan, for a similar offence during a match at Bath. In both cases, the RFU brought disrepute charges. There is unlikely to be a de-

cision this week; the RFU has yet to set a date for a hearing involving Kevin Yates, the Bath prop cited by Wasps last week ers as they retreated down citing healey, the television cov. for alleged stamping, healey, 90 erage may result in the union per cent certain to make the the start of the second half. Putt himself could hardly taking the initiative. There are England 22 for this weekend's stitches are unlikely to matter the Newcastle prop Nick Popmonths rather than weeks if

The best of Saracens seven

tries were the first and last.

Penaud opened the account in

the third minute, but the crowd

of 5,872 had to wait until the

eighth minute of injury time be-

ond splendid effort. Left wing

Brendan Daniel collected a kick

and eluded all efforts to trap him

over 45m. When he had drawn

enough of the defence he fed

Grewcock and the England lock

the tattered remnants for dead.

Woods in the pink for the fancy dans

BY DAVID LLEWELLYN

Gloucester Harlequins

THE WHIRLING dervish also known as Keith Wood was gleamingly pink, scrubbed clean of the dye which had him and his Ireland team-mates resembling woad-covered followers of Caractacus in last week's international.

The Harlequin hooker looked and sounded as if he had just completed a gentle stroll around the environs of Gloucester cathedral instead of having rucked and rumbled his way through a gruelling Allied Dunbar Premiership match at

Tve been sniffing a type of blue dye all week," Wood explained, when asked what he was on that could allow him to perform in this way in two intense matches in seven days. "It's the only anabolic steroid I've ever taken, hlue dye."

He did sound a trifle indignant when he added: "The PR company for Lloyds-TSB rang me up last Monday to reassure me that the dye was edible. I thanked them and said we normally chew the grass at the bottom of the scrums and the Irish and French front rows were chewing the cud last Saturday."

Wood is not just possessed of a sharp sense of humour, he is also a gifted footballer. The touch-finder he hoofed upfield at a penalty was worthy of Joel Stransky, or any other England outside-half; while any centre would have been proud of the angle he ran on the hreak which freed lock Gareth Llewellyn for the final score.

ft was Wood's abrasiveness and spirit which kick-started them after the interval, but before he was ready to accept the plaudits for an outstanding performance Wood said: "I made a bit of a balls-up and didn't play too well for the first 20 minutes or so, although I think f changed it around a bit after that."

The loss of outside-balf Thierry Lacroix with a hamstring injury that could keep him out of action for a couple of weeks did not help, and it will be interesting to see if Will Carling comes through a Second XV match against Henley at the Metropolitan Police ground at Imber Court tomorrow evening. Lacroix's replacement, Chris Wright, did a superb job as it happens, capping an excellent personal conindution with a cheeky if

What with the near immacuhave been less judgemental. two recent precedents: in 1997, Calcutta Cup match with Scot- late kicking of John Schuster and "With a face like mine, six the RFU unilaterally banned land, could be banned for some solid defence there was no way Gloucester were ever going angle camera shot pinpointed too much," he joked. "Seriously, plewell for punching, even London Irish or the RFU mount to be allowed to regain their early Healey treading momentarily there was a hit of hot blood though the offence was dealt a successful case against him. They have not momentum. They have not beaten Harlequins at Kingsholm since December 1993 and this was their ninth successive league defeat against the fancy dans of London Town an unthinkable state of affairs for the

old stagers at the club. But if Richard Hill's joh as director of rugby is jeopardy he is not aware of it, instead he is considering calling on the services of the former Great fore they were treated to a sec- Britain rugby league coach Phil Larder to work on defence, as he has been doing with England and Leicester, and Hill is still trying to sign Bedford back-row player Junior Paramore, although that

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now looks a remote possibility.
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Beaten Sale want the points Saracens hot and cold

RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES

JOHN MITCHELL, the Sale BY TIM GLOVER coach, said he would attempt to claim the two points from this Richmond match on an extraordinary and controversial technicality. Mitchell's complaint is that near the end the referee al- did indeed make a mistake but lowed uncootested scrums on safety grounds because Rich- Mitchell's argument. Richmond had lost two props.

Rugby Football Union claiming der injury in the fourth minute that Stewart Piercy made a mis- and he was replaced by Gary take. "This is not sour grapes," Mitchell said. 'The laws state when Powell left the field with that teams should have a sufficient number of specialist frontrow players on the bench. We were denied an opportunity to have an advantage and perhaps win the match." Mitchell wants the points or

at least a replay. John Kingston, the Richmond coach, thought his Sale counterpart was talking "a load of cobblers".

not one that would support mond lost their prop Morris Mitchell will write to the Fitzgerald with a serious shoul-Powell. The problem arose a broken nose in the 66th minute and Richmond had to play the hooker Andy Cuthbert at tight head.

Sale It transpired that the referee

Richmond's request at that stage that, with two hookers in their front row, the scrums should be uncontested, i.e. no pushing to prevent the packs from collapsing, was initially refused by Mr Piercy but he

minutes. He allowed un- of the Wales centre Allan Batecontested scrums with Sale man who will almost certainly laying siege to the Richmond miss the match against Ireland line. However, the referee ad- on Saturday - Sale blew a 12-3 mitted after the match that he lead and showed why they are was unaware that Fitzgerald third from the bottom. had gone off.

the referee realised that Rich- Stadium to check on the fitness mond had lost two props in- of right wing David Rees. In stead of one, the scrums would have been uncontested from the moment Powell went off. Mitchell's view was that the should regain his place for laws did not allow uncompetitive scrums; Kingston said it was at the referee's discretion.

Despite two tries from the left-wing Steve Hanley, Sale yesterday made it clear why Mitchell finds it more satisfying coaching the England forwards than the Manchester club. Against a side weakened and disrupted by injuries - including

ad gone off.

Clive Woodward, the Eng-Kingston maintains that had land coach, was at the Madejski common with other England threequarters, Rees has been affected by injuries but he England's Five Nations opener against Scotland

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changed his mind in the last few the loss with a torn hamstring SARACENS' SUPREMACY was BY DAVID LLEWELLYN

evident throughout what was ultimately a one-sided match, in which they played some sublime rugby at times. Unfortunately it was punctuated by some dreadful rugby. For all that they have hopped over London Irish and into third place again in the Allied Dunbar Premiership.

West Hartiepool remain rooted at the bottom of the table and also at Victoria Park for the time being. Any plans to merge with Newcastle have to wait until the members of the Newcastle-Gosforth shareholders' association, who have a 24 per cent stake in the club, have been given an option to buy out the remaining 76 per cent.

West Hartlepool played well in patches, but the home side committed bags of howlers in the first half. At one point West even managed to steal into the

West Hartlepool

lead when a pass by France stand-off Alain Penaud was intercepted by Stephen John. It was but a brief flicker. The Saracens pack was far too

strong. Even in the bitty first

half the front five never seemed under pressure. Their teenage loose-head prop David Flat- jinked right, went left and left man looks outstanding, while No 8 Tony Diprose has turned West Hartlepool into his rabbits. The last time he scored in the Premiership was last October against the same opponents and on that occasion Saracens passed the half-century. Despite his contribution this time around - he scored a hat-trick of tries - this was nothing like the rout it should have been.

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West Hardspool: E Farrell (T Handley, 80): J Benson, J Connolly, P Tanginoa, S John: S Vile. Tu Nutualitia (R Stone 53-55): S Sparis IJ van der Esch, 60), 5 McDonald, K Fourle (P Beal, 56), P Farrer, (capt), M Gacheri, M Salter, M Brewer, J Ponton.

Referee: I Ramage (Northumbria).

Botham's eye-catching display

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9; Old Crescent 22 Durgannon 28; Cld Wesley 14 Denry 17; Shermes 9 Bec Rangers 9;
Wonderers 15 UCC 13. playing this match as part of a British League, or in a formalised Anglo-Welsh competition, instead of it being another friendly in the meaningless matches between the Pre-

miership clubs and Cardiff or Swansea, those who witnessed it would have run out of superlatives well before the end. It had almost everything. Quite apart from being a welcome relief from run-of-themill league fare, it was more like an important cup match. To start with, there was a nearcapacity crowd of almost 8,000 jammed into the Recreation

Cardiff

tries, the atmosphere became electric. There were fine displays

from three youngsters, Iain ders why Botham was not even Balshaw, Mait Perry and Liam considered for the England A Botham, a point acknowledged by Bath's director of rugby, Andy Robinson. "I cut my teeth on games like this. We should have more matches against the top Welsh clubs. The youngsters learn so much from them."

Botham has clearly learnt a lot since be first appeared as a Ground Once Eric Peters had raw centre for West Hartlescored the first of Bath's six pool. Although he was not to fin-

fence has improved immeatackie on Balshaw was a gem. With two tries to finish the match, and Clive Woodward so short of quality backs, one won-

considered for the England A training squad, before their encounter with Scotland A, at Leeds on Friday evening.
The same could be asked of Balshaw who, along with Matt Perry repeatedly sliced open the Cardiff defence. With Ade-

dayo Adebayo looking sharp. Cardiff were always in deficit. After only half an bour they were 20 points the wrong way

only 10 at the interval after the surably since he joined Cardiff Cardiff outside-half weighed in two seasons ago. His try-saving with a neat try, which he converted, before adding a penalty. The Welshmen narrowed it to seven points after Botham's first try, but Adebayo and Mike · Tindail took Bath clear before Botham had the final say.

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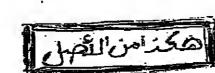
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BY STEPHEN JACKSON

England Under-19 420 **Emerging Wellington XI**

ENGLAND UNDER-19s were made to toil in the field on the second day by Emerging Wellington and also picked up another injury yesterday. Seam bowler Matt Whiley was forced out of the attack with a groin in-

in Wellington

Whiley

England have to rethink strategy

ENGLAND went to the Cariton & United Series to establish a sobd foundation for the World Cup. By the time they left bere yesterday they were confronted with the alarming task of having three months in which to build something substantial on a lump of jelly.

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One of the more concise verdicts after their 2-0 defeat and ultimate, irrevocable collapse in the finals of the triangular oneday tournament was: "We started it brightly but by the end it had all come tumbling round our ears." Since this was delivered by the team manager and the chairman of selectors. David Graveney, the severity of the conclusion should not he doubted.

Graveney was typically candid and rational in assessing the potential damage of the later performances in the competition. England's 162-run defeat at the MCG in the second final was their second worst in the 28 years of limited-overs internationals. Their total of 110 was their third lowest. It was their sixth defeat in seven matches. The chances of those who were not chosen for the Australian sojourn now appearing in the World Cup have risen accordingly. Enormously, that is.

"It would be a dangerous path for us to go down to alter our side radically now," said Graveney. "Before the last World Cup they were changing the team every other game. The batsmen we've had here I still believe are the best we've got in this form of cricket. At some stage you have to back your judgement and say that's your

No wholesale chan derived wholly - as looked possible when they started blazing a trail five weeks ago - from the 16 who took part in the Carlton & United. Graham Thorpe is the ohvious contender for a left the Ashes tour early with a recurrence of his back injury but it has apparently responded well to arduous examination. He will be back, back or no back. BY STEPHEN BRENKLEY in Melbourne

who will now be seriously considered to open and it is possible that Alec Stewart, despite his preference, will drop down the order again. As Mark Ramprakasb contributed so effectively in the Test series it would be silly not to discuss him until there is a unanimous decision to place his rame on the team sheet. If swashbucklers are needed Matthew Maynard will be mentioned.

These selectors have justifiably made a virtue out of contipulty and their loyalty to certain players has been noteworthy. But despite Graveney's calm approach nothing that be said a few hours before the flight home could conceal the hideous mess that England now find themselves in.

The batting is in grave shape. Only Graeme Hick ultimately acquitted himself as well as might have been boped and expected, scoring three centuries and a half-century in his 12 innings. Hick, unfortunately, is the sort of player who only has to fail twice in a row for the telephone lines to the England and Wales Cricket Board to be jammed demanding his head. It will not be served up. He cannot win the World Cup alone but his contributions will be crucial.

Of the rest Neil Fairbrother at first enhanced his reputation as a one-day batsmen of wonderful temperament and technique but when the ball began to fizz in short of a length on his but Graveney knows and all but off stump be was usually found acknowledged that the squad of to be obliging in presenting the 15 for the World Cup will not be catchers behind the wicket with something straightforward to English pitches in the World get their hands round.

The batting, as Graveney observed, has disappointed for most of the 12 matches of the tournament. The nadir was place in the middle order. He reached on Saturday but it had greener tops. Angus Fraser been coming. It is a worry that Australia have Michael Bevan, the quickest, smartest (and maybe most selfish) one-day batsman in the world coming in Michael Atherton is another at No 6 and England will prob-



Hollioake or Vince Wells.

England were given insubstantial starts far too often. A jaded Stewart adopted the policy of hitting his way out of trouble, Nick Knight scored 315 runs but was escalatingly out of form. Batsmen have to perform as a unit, England's still do not. Each should have a specific role but they are inflexible.

The bowling performed judiciously and Darren Gough was lordly. He has appeared in all England's 17 international matches this winter. Gough may not quite possess Glenn

The attack will do well on Cup in the spring but it is not untouchable. Nor should it he forgotten that other nations also have the sort of medium pace merchants who will profit on the and Peter Martin are candidates to return but the name you can be sure of, it is being said, is Ian Austin.

Englanders, as Denis Rogers, the chairman of the

scribed this island race at the tournament's presentation ceremony, used to come down under and be derided above all for their fielding. It is not like that any more but they continue to possess one serious shortcoming. The men within the

the stumps to claim run-outs. It would be wrong to say that Ricky Ponting of Australia never misses hut, boy, he hits when it matters. England practice this art seriously and they look highly convincing. If they do not start doing it more often McGrath's imperious skills but in the middle, or actually doing his heart and lungs burst in the it at all they can make all the looked to have learned how to runs they want but they will not

inner circle continually fail to bit

win the World Cup. the one-day game which England must develop but may not In his captaincy of Australia in 10 of their 12 games Shane staunch, upright rock. Warne was innovative and adbowlers repeatedly (another difference is that he had 10 at his disposal and it was never entirely possible to rule out

off-hreaks) and perpetually placed attacking fields, peraps recklessly so.

Warne himself thought he might have over-indulged this ruse but it perplexed England's batsmen. Australia won the tournament. Stewart, a commendable professional, led the side as England's captains do, if not hy rote, then not with insight and gusto either

At the start of this latest sixweek adventure in the national team's journey it did not seem possible that this sort of inquest would be held. They won four out of five matches and they win the close ones. But England have now not only returned There is one more aspect of whence they started, they are further back than that. At Melbourne on Saturday they were have the time to do so by May. a quivering, wobbly mass when what was demanded was a

There are those among us venturous. He changed his who believe England can win the World Cup on home soil but to do so the team have to believe it. At present they do not and they have 13 weeks to find wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist

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Man of the match: D 5 Lehmann.

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GElchrist 50: 86 min, 61 balls, 6 fours. Lehmano SO: 72 min. 59 balls. 3 Martyn 50: 87 min, 72 balls, 2 fours. O McGrath.

the home side replied to England's 420 all out with 282 for 4.

The Durham seamer Marc Symington picked up the first wicket to fall when be trapped Suresh de Silva leg before, but fellow opener Leighton Morgan reached his half-century before being caught behind by wicketkeeper John Maunders off

into after bowling four overs as

medium-pacer Giles Haywood. Joe Consedine reached 9t before he was well caught in the gully by Michael Carberry. That wicket was the second of two for Lancashire all-rounder Jonathan Fearick, who had not bowled since the opening

match because of a shin injury; Earlier, opener Leighton Morgan and left-hander Sam Fairley had cracked halfcenturies in a game that looked to he beading for a draw;

TODAY'S NUMBER

11,000 The number of thousands of miles

travelled by Australian fan Scot Edwards to see West Brom v Bolton, only to find the game sold out. A spare ticket was found by the club secretary.

Howell earns maiden victory Golmard opens his account

NOT EVEN a stirring final round by runner-up Lee Westwood, who is shaking off the rust from his game after his recent honeymoon, could prevent David Howell from achieving a com-Classic yesterday. Westwood, starting the last day four behind, scored a five-under-par 67. His only problem was that so did Howell, another member of the stable that includes Westwood, Darren Clarke and Paul McGinley, who tied for third with the Ryder Cup captain, Mark James. Their manager. Chubby

Chandler, will have earned more from his percentages this week than many of the players did on the Dubai Creek course. This was Howell's maiden victory on the European tour and it was a good one. The field

BY ANDY FARRELL

was the strongest so far and the manding victory in the Desert set-up of the course was severe. For much of the back nine, the 23-year-old from Swindon led by four. His only previous professional win came in Australia. "This was a fantastic per-

formance from David," Westwood said. "Perhaps he realised he is better than be gave himself credit for." Howell did not look at a leaderboard until the 14th, when he saw he was leading by five, with Westwood the next man back. "I said to myself, 'don't mess it up now', but the way I was playing I was confident of winning," Howell said.

Though his first three years on the European tour did not produce a win, he has steadily mproved on the Order of Merit. A streaky player, he has become more consistent after turning to Peter Cowen, coach of both Westwood and Clarke.

"I played with David in practice for the Open two years ago and he was long but wild," said James. "Yet to win here shows be kept it under control." There is no doubt Howell will be in contention for a place in James's Ryder Cup team.

"I played in the Walker Cup and that was my ambition in the amateurs." Howell said. "Watching the Ryder Cup on TV gives me such a thrill that I promised myself one day I'll make it." Westwood missed the cut last week in Malaysia, hut

played the last 43 holes without dropping a shot. None of his five birdies came from a putt longer than four feet and his lack of success on the greens showed that his ball-striking was improving again. "That feit more many's Nicolas Kiefer at the like my normal self," Westwood said. "It was nice to find the middle of the club face." His next appearance will he at the Andersen Consulting World

Colin Montgomerie slipped into fifth without being happy on the greens and will see the putting specialist, Dave Pelz, in San Diego during the Matchplay. The line-up for the Matchplay will be decided this morning when Nick Faldo finds out

Matchplay in California.

whether to divert from Qatar to

JEROME GOLMARD, a semifinalist at Nottingham last June, took an important step forward last night, winning his first ATP Tour singles title with

\$1m (£620,000) Dubai Open. The tall, lean French lefthander entered the tourpament ranked No 61 in the world. Subsequent victories against Karol Kucera, the fifth seed, Tim Henman, the third seed, Carlos Moya, the French Open champion and No 2 seed, and the unseeded Kiefer, ranked No 41, will elevate him to a place in the low 30s.

In the opening round, Golmard defeated his compatriot Fabrice Santoro, the winner of the ATP Tour title in Marseilles Scores, Digest, page 11 | last Sunday. The French, with

six men in the world's top 100, are showing signs of emulating

two men's titles this year. French tennis was encouraged by the progress of Amelie Mauresmo to the women's singles final at the Australian Open last Golmard, who served and received with rackets of different

stringing tension in order to ease the strain on a sore elbow. only twice dropped more than one point in his nine service games in winning 6-4, 6-2 after 73 minutes. The first time it happened

was in the concluding game of

ond time was at 3-2 in the second set, when Kiefer took him

Kiefer's serving was erratic, seven double-faults costing him more than the same number of aces (three of them when he was broken for 2-5 in the secand set) he could recoup.

It was the German's second match of the day. In the afternoon he had to finish his semifinal against the unseeded Australian Andrew Ilie, which was interrupted by rain on Saturday night after Keifer had won the opening set. · Yesterday Ilie held two set-

points at 6-4 in a second set tiehreak, Kiefer recovering to clinch the shoot-out, 8-6, to win 6-3, 7-6. "I was tired because I

save two break points. The sec-noon," Kiefer said, although it seemed unlikely that the one set he played had drained him of so much energy and inspiration for the second final of his career - be won a title in Toulouse in 1997.

As Golmard pointed out: "In Grand Slams you sometimes have to play five sets in one match, and another five sets the next day." Henman needs no reminding of Golmard's stamina. He was beaten by the Frenchman in the first round of the 1998 Australian Open, 11-9 in the fifth set of the longest match of the tournament (four bours and 19 minutes). Apart from "realising a

dream" by winning the title, the 25-year-old from Dijon left Dubai the richer by \$162,000.

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McCarthy pounces on Festival break

WHEN A jockey gets a break so, sometimes, does a colleague. All National Hunt riders get injured and all must inure themselves to the liability of losing money and the kudos of winning mounts in their absence.

It is perhaps nature's way of sharing the funds around, as the good rides, by definition, are awarded to the supposedly better riders. When they go missing, you soon see the dust cloud filling the horizon as potential substitutes, the bedrock of the weighing room, arrive for con-

The man who successfully presented himself at Newbury on Saturday was Jimmy Mc-Carthy, who collected the winning ride in the Tote Gold Trophy on Decoupage after it was announced that Norman Williamson would be absent.

McCarthy knew before most that Stormin' was struggling with neck spasms and may even have opened a bedroom window to exacerbate the problem. The two men share a house in East Garston, at the epicentre of Berkshire's National Hunt territory.

erty and McCarthy may have forfeited the turn-down service. He is unlikely to find a chocolate on his pillow any

"I knew in the morning that Norman was struggling with his neck, but he thought he'd be all right and said be'd see me at the races," McCarthy said yesterday. "I do a lot of work for Edgy

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Snowy Mantle (Southwell 3.40) NB: Fountain Bid (Plumpton 4.50)

[Decoupage's trainer Charlie Egerton) and with Jamie [Osborne, who was booked for Vent D'Aout] being tied up as well I knew I'd a chance."

It must be said that a ride of this magnitude does not come McCarthy's way frequently. He may have been riding winners for 10 years, but not many of them have been rewarded with great garlands. As he steers towards his 30th birthday this Williamson owns the prop- year, McCarthy knows at least up," the jockey said. "But hope-

BY RICHARD EDMONDSON ' he will never have the onus of fully if there is a good spare now continual rides at the highest I'll get a shout."

The prospect of riding Decoupage did not worry him for a moment, "Because I didn't have a moment to think about it," he said. "There was no pressure at all." Before Saturday, the Irish-

man's greatest winning moments had come on Young Snugfit and Coulton, though his most memorable association came three years ago at the Cheltenham Festival with Mysilv, when the mare was worn out of the Stayers' Hurdle on the run-in by Cyborgo. Two days earlier she had finished sixth to Collier Bay in the Champion Hurdle.

As this year's Festival sucks us in, McCarthy seems to be perfecting his self-promotion. Only last weekend he won another signature contest when Him Of Praise collected Uttoxeter's National Trial Handicap Chase. If you don't book him now, you never will.

"I haven't got anything definite at the Festival yet and I'm just looking for what I can pick

It is this aspiration, the belief that one good horse could re-direct their career that keeps men like Jimmy Mc-Carthy going. "There is not a lot of difference between all the jockeys," he said. "Of course you have got the Dunwoodys and McCoys up there, but there are a lot of good lads who are up to the job but never get given the chances.

"It's seriously competitive and there's probably only seven to 10lb between the whole lot of the main weighing room, but it's all a question of being in the right place at the right time. Over the last couple of weeks I seem to have done that." Decoupage himself has been

cut to 20-1 from 66-1 for the

Champion Hurdle by Coral, though he may well to run in the County Hurdle. If he did go for the Festival's opening day showpiece, however, recent his tory suggests he would be no water bearer. Two years ago, Make A Stand completed the Tote Gold Trophy and Champion Hurdle double, while the previous four Newbury win-



Jimmy McCarthy eases Decoupage past City Hall (right) at Newbury on Saturday

ners - Squire Silk, Mysilv, timber title than I'm Supposin Large Action and King Credo - third and fourth in the big one - all finished fifth or better at

over the last two years. Richard Rowe's horse, quoted at 20-1, Certainly Decoupage has has heat in a joint and we better prospects of taking the the rest of the season. has heat in a joint and will miss

1996 Grand National winner Rough Quest, pulled up and apparently lame at Haydock on Saturday, was reported to be "perfectly sound" at his Dorking, Surrey, stable yesterday.

FOR THE NOTEBOOK

A new column punpointing horse who can go on to better things POULPICE FARM does not have the same ring to it as Fourways, or Surnybrook but the atmosphere there are reflects the application of the same reflects the application of the same reflects to the same reflects the same reflects of the same reflects of the same reflects the same reflects of the same ring to it as houways or nybrook, but the atmosphere there reflects the contented character of Peter Beaumont, its master. Yesterday morning, Beaumont led out Island Chilef for a gentle 20-minute walk down the farm road to loosen him up after an impressive with any on Saturday. The road to Aintree now beckons for Island Chief. He carried top weight of 12st to beat his nearest rival by an euseddown seven lengths at Ayr. But it could easily have been 37. The 10-year-old stift has run just 10 times in total (live wins, two seconds, two thirds), which is one reason for a henolicap rating that puts him on just 8st 2b in the Grand National.

hendicap rating that puts him on just 8st 2lb in the Grand National Island Chief, though, must still carry the 10st minimum. Horses carrying overweight have a poor recent Aintree record. But Beaumont, who farms at Brandsby, York, and who maned Gold Carp winner Jodami, believos

Gold Cup wirmer Jodami, believos Island Chief's official rating belittles his true ability. The bookmakers William Hill cut his National odds yesterday to 33-1 from 50-1 He's a lovely horse. No vices.

the trainer said yesterday. He did It well at Ayr. It was just what was wanted, because we didn't want him having 8 hard race." A possible run in the Greenalis Grand National Triin the Greenalis Grand National III-al at Haydock on 27 February -from out of the handicap - would give Island Chief a chance to prove the handicapper wrong. The Irish or Scottish Nationals

are also possible targets, so an Aintree ante-post bet now is too Artitive arrie-post per novi is 100 risky, it, however, doubts emerged over the participation of the Arritree topweights (Teeton Nitt, Surry Bay and Escartefigue) then the Beaumont gelding's weight problem would diminish. That could be the time to on for Chaf inchice. time to go for Chief justice. Chris Comgan

HEREFORD

2.00 Rajati 2.30 Measured Step 3.00 Happy Minstral 3.30 HANG'EM OUT TO DRY (nap)

4.00 Wilmott's Fancy 4.30 Southern Flight 5.00 Sunley Secure

Right-hand course with 300yds run-in.

Course is N of one on A49 Hernford a Course is N of city on A49. Pereford station Tm. ADMISSION: Club £13; Tablersalis £10; Course Enclosure £5 Accompanied under 16s free all enclosures.CAR PARK: Free, FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 37-103 (359%), N Twiston-Devies 22-106 (208%), P Hobbs 14-71 (197%), K Builey 15-70 (188%), P Nicholis 11-39 (282%),

LEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 32-106 (302%), C Llewellyn 23-99 (232%), C Maude 11-43 (250%), R Dumwoody 11-44 (25%), M A Fitzgerald 11-45 (244%).

FAVOURITES: 210-529 (39.7%) ■ PAYOUTHIES 201-029 (35179).
■ LONG OISTANCE RUNNERS: Fils De Creason (3.30) has been sent 301 miles.
3LINKERED FIRST TIME: Lord Of The Files (200), River Leven (visored, 3.30), High-

2.00 EWYAS HAROLD NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m 1f Penalty Value £2,556

FORM GUIDE wedemprudin: Yet to build on debut promise, mough not despraced when 20 lengths 4th to Norskil Lad at Sardown. Down in grade but plenty of weight Lord Of The Filest Early promise when besten 5 lengths by Mazzleo over C/O but disappointing tately. Return to faster ground might help Rejett. Dual winner. Form of latest length 3rd to Picket Piece at Ludlow (2m nov heap, best the settle professed but the file has best to despite at the set.

object to be written from or alloss enging state of vices Precise Library (2m nov neep, good to soft) working but and one to consider despite 40 rise. Other Club: Continued Taunton promise when strong finishing 30 lengths 6th of 15 to Davoski at Kempton (2m nov, heavy) and open to improvement. Mutanassatts: Struggling to recover juvenile form, but hint of return to form when 5th of 10 to Windrass at Haydock (2m4f nov, soft) and slipping in weights. Saddlers' Ros: Chance of kalest 30 lengths 5th to Dangerus Precisions at Cheltenham (2m1f nov, good to soft) but temperamental previous start.

Erin Vallery: Progressive when 26 lengths 3rd of 14 to Pacard at Uttowster (2m nov, heavy). Ochorum bookerst looks startificant but fester comend a concern.

hy). Osborne booking looks synthesit, but fister ground a concern at A Fuss: Showed a little ability lest season. Flight out of sorts in both starts this term and returning from 13-week lay-off.
Fencer's Quest: 4b but of hicap when beating Daytona Beach 1/s length at Ludiow (2m sell hcap, good to soft). Plenty on in better grade from 4b higher Another Beveled: Well beaten both starts since landing weak Huntingdon novice.

from Dudeen in November (2m good to firm) and looks weighted up to the hit laca Malden; Some promise or, debut but little show since (tailed off behind Premer Generation at Warwick latest) and hard to fancy. Forestry: Little show here latest start but signs of ability when 10 lengths 7th of 13 to Rusk at Huntingdon (2m claimer, soft) and looks capable of better. Zorber: Possible weights pick on 8 lengths 3rd to Indian Nectar from 2to higher her in Oct. but latest Ludlow affort behind Picket Piece tempers enthusiasm.

Be in Spece Weighted with fine chance on B langths 2nd to Medam Muck at this fixture last year (2m3) nov) and Ludiow 2nd to April Seventh in May. Should be fitter for reappearance but trip possibly on sharp side. Brother Beacon: 3to out of handicap when beaten 2½ langths by Duello in tair Ludiow nonce in Nov. Well treated, lightly raced and open to improvement. Allabad: Hint of ability when 51 langths 7th of 10 to Dangerus Procedent at Doncaster (2m nov. good to soft) but plantly to find. Worth a check in betting.

VERDICT: Plenty with chances, and it may be worth taking a chance with BROTH ER BEACON, who has more scope for improvement than most and should be suf-ed by the sharp track. An elf-weather outing should have kept him on the boil since Luction Rejati, Other Club, Erin Velley and Be to Space appeal assothers likely to

2.30 WORMELOW NDVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £4,500 added 2m 3f Penalty Value £3,534

-405P3 TEE TEE TOO (26) (Stuart Bruce) C Jackson 7 102

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Cowerns Boy: Formerly smart hunder but without a win for 3 years. Struggling two starts this term and possibly light of the past. Difficult to fancy Gaillant Tuffy: Placed twice in poor company from 4th lower this term and looks up against it on letest distant 3rd of 5 to Fourth to Line at Heydock Clod Hopper: Subsequent winners behind when beahing Seabrook Lad 2 lengths at Ludiow (2m4 treap, good to soft) in Dec from 6to lower. Below form latest, but appeals are coresite tercerate and cover letters. peals as possible improver and could take a hand.
Miss Pennyhill: Faller twos since beating Holle M Miles Pennyhills Faller twoe since beating Hello Me Man over this course and dis-tancein Dec and will have to improve on tasest Uttoester 3rd to Just Jasmine to play

Measured Step: Weights pick on 3 lengths Chepstow (2m3t heap good) win over subsequent source Monicaeman in Dec. Disappointing on soft since but worth an-other chance back on sound surface, although yard out of form : Likely to find trip on sharp side on career-best B lengths 2nd to The Cockertoo at Wincanton (2m5) heap, good to soft) off this mark

who a vincamon (ams) neap, good to solly off this thank.

The Campdonian: Some ability in weakly-contested novice events lest summer. Probably best watched following 7-month lay-off.

Jay Em East: Ex-pointer-to-pointer. Well beaten in sellers only outings last term

Peveril Pengragon: Useful, headstrong hurdler, Hard to fancy on chase debut

Willbe 8 Brave: First of ability over hurdles. Osborne booking interesting on chase
debut and possibly worth a check in the market

Builder Boy: Lost his confidence after beating Master Bomber 3 lengths from 6th lower over course and distances Nov. In good form over hurdles latest and by no means out of the argument if his tending holds up Dook's Delight: Experienced ex-Irish novice. Narrowty begten from 11th higher since Downpatick 2m21 win in Sept. Interesting on first run for new yard Mumrey's Million: Useful hurdler, but yet to show much aptitude for lenging

Mattery's Mattern: Oseful hurder, but yet to show much applicate for femong Lough Left Spirit: Winning lifet pointer. Does not appear to have progressed since 33 lengths 3rd to Ask Arthory over 3rd (good to soft) here in Dec Hope Thatets: Signs of ability lest term for Tim Thorsson Jones, but little encour-agement in first run for new yard following lay-off Tee Tee Too; Showed & little promise at Ludlow in December and again when 17 lengths 3rd of 8 to Rockforce there latest, but plenty to find

VERDICT: Richard Fahey's team appeared to be returning to form over the weekend, and it may be worth taking a chance on his ex-hish recruit DOOK'S DELIGHT,
who looks thrown in on his form of lest autumn. There appears to nothing special
among the opposition, although a repeat of Meesured Step's Chepstow form in December would make him as formidable obstacle.

3.00 ARROW MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,800 added 2m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £2,318

	F	DASHING INVADER (USA) (24) (D.L. Williams) D. Williams 6 12 0B Clinor
	/04282	DUBLIN RIVER (USA) (P27) (K W Bell) J O'Shee 6 11 12
	60-0FP	GOLD DROP (13) (PT Holins) M Multipeaux 5 11 10 S Wynn
		MORTS LITTLE HEN (95) (T Morton) T Morton 6 tt 6
	QP	TRIBAL MOON (60) (LI Col & Mrs L W McNaught) J Portman 6 11 8
	PPGP-0	CELTIC CARROT (32) (RT Price) RJ Pres 7 11 6
	0-34P3	HAPPY MINSTRAL (14) (John Blockwell & Des Nichols) P Nichols 5 ft 6
	PO	TE AKAU DAN (NZ) (25) (R A Popely) J M Bradley 5 11 6
		DANKATE (67) (Martyn James) J M Bradley 5 11 4
	2/FFF-	DETRING RULER (364) (Month Waghorn) Mrs P Ford 9 11 4
	0/0-00	DANCING IN 180 (46) (Mrs Theresa Walshe) T P Walshe 7 11 1
•	436002	ZURYAF (18) (The Stanton Seven) Mrs C Hicks 4 tt 1
		SPACE MOUSE (K A Ford) Mrs P Ford 8 10 18
	R56324	GOLDENACRES (123) (B Levendon & C Levendon) M Muggerdge 4 to 11 D Creech (7
		MYSTERY MAN (50) (Paul Bradley) P Bradley 4 10 7
	040	SARATOGA SAGA (USA) (F116) (H.J. Marriers) H Mermers 4 105
-	TIME: 7-4	Hanny Minetral 11.4 Public Phase 5.1 Coldenaceus, 6.1 Zured T.1 Serotoral Soci

SETTING: 7-4 Happy Minstral, 11-4 Dublin River, 5-1 Goldenscree, 6-1 12-1 Dancking in Alo, 20-1 Desbing Invader, Derring Ruler, 33-1 others 1989: Little Serana 8 10 13 D J Buschell 10-1 (J Harrimen) 15 ran

FORM GUIDE ng Invader: Point-to-pioint faller last month. Hurdles debut Dublin River: Twice names-up here before 3 lengths 2nd to Oversmen'et Museel-burgh. Plenty of weight, but more ability than most Gold Drop: Virtually tailed off last three starts and makes no appeal Morts Little Hen: Hes shown little apart from temperament in three starts Tribal Moon: Little sign of ability in two starts

Celtic Parrot: Poor form in point-to-points last season and tailed off only start over Happy Minstrat: Yet to live up to his looks but every chance at the weights on 11 Happy Minstrat: Yet to five up to his looks but every chance at the weights on t lengths 3rd of 7 to Advance East in Plumpton 2m4f seller. To Akau Dan: Well behind both starts in novice company. Little obvious chance.

Derring Ruler: Yet to complete in three outings Dencing In Rio: Well besten in bumpers and tailed off after showing speed to halfway on hurdles debut behind Premier Generation at Warwick
Zuryai: Placed in poor company at Ptumpion, Hunsington and Taurson before 10 lengths

2nd to Fayez in week Wincanton claimer. Plenty to find Space Mouse: Demnig Rose mare, Hard to fancy on belated resecourse debut Goldenaceae: Poor form in early-season novices, including 3 lengths 2nd to Take A Turn at Plumpton. Weighted to reverse Taunton running with Zuryat, but Skely to find

: Tailed off in seller only start. Little obvious chance inguistry main: Joseph on it seeks they some Lauge covous crantes Samitoga Saige: Showed a little ability when 13 kingthe Ath to Temper Lad et Hunt-ingdon and is weighted to reverse placings with third-placed Zuryaf on 10th better for 2 lengths, but has 16-week absence to overcome

VERDICT: Little worthwhile form to work on, and it is difficult to see beyond HAPPY MINSTRAL, despite his limitations. He blew his chance with a slow jump three out at Plumpton out stayed on steadily and has seen the form boosted by the numer-up, Tylo Steamer Dublin River has been put in on a high mark, but has more ability than most and goes well on a tight course.

3.30 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F)

لتتت	£10,900 added 2m Penany Value £7,360
423131	ROVESTAR (11) (D) (G Burrell) C Popham 6 12 3
35-023	NASHVILLE STAR (USA) (65) (D) (Robin Mathew) R Mathew 8 11 11 C Liewallyn V
	SAGAMAN (GER) (46) (D) (Michael Doocey) R Dictor 13 11 9 L Wyer
	MANASTS (NZ) (16) (Startley W Clarks) S Brockstraw & 11 6
	FILS DE CRESSON (26) (D) (BF) (James A Adems) J Adem 9 11 8
10-222	CONNAUGHT CRACKER (67) (Nrs Angela Tinckraft) P Nicholis 8 tt 7
P/4211	HANGTEM OUT TO DRY (28) (D) (Mrs & Pussel & A Walk) E L James & 11 8G Bradley
	PAPARAZZO (88) (D) (Mrs C S Wiscri) W Jeries 8 11 8
	COOL SPOT (50) (D) (Dave Howe) G Enright 11 11 2
	NORTHERN SADDLER (12) (D) (R J Hodges) A Hodges 12 to 12

- 17 declared -BETTING: 11-2 Connaught Crecker, 5-1 Harginer Out To Dry, Fils De Creanon, T-1 Cool Spot, 8-1 Manasis, 10-1 Rowests, Righting Times, Jason's Roy, 14-1 Reshrife Star, Jason's Roy, 18-1 others 1998: Music Piesse 8 th 13 R Johnson 3-1 fav Ráss V Williams) 17 rat. FDRM GUIDE

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Rovester: At his best over this trip and easy winner at Towcester (2m, sorti) last time. Runs off an 8th higher mark and plenty to do even with Olie McPreal claiming 5th Nastiville Start Somewhat inconsistent and still 3th higher than when landing his last success at Windsor 13 months ago, Long way out of the handcap last two runs Segamans: Useful chaser or last ground and has conditions to suit for the first time snoe September. Probably needs farther than the nowadays and first run for six weeks Manaelas: Jumping still suspect and blundered 5 out when 2nd to Moor Lane in competitive novice chase at Doncaster (2m3/4, good last month; Chance if more fluent Fils De Cression: Only just stays 2m. Led 5 out until headed 2 but when 11/4 length 2nd to Hangem Out 7o Dry; Progressive worse of the Doncaster (2m3/4, good) last month to soft last month Connaught Cracker: Drops back in trip after finishing 2nd 3 times over 2m3/4. Runs off same mark as when 2nd to Fourth in Line at Edunton in December Hang'em Out 7o Dry; Progressive movice, jumps wet, Driver out to best Fils De Cression by 11/4 lengths at Doncaster (2m3/4, good) last month and 2to worse off Paparazzo, Modest form over ferces. First run since finishing 10th of 16 to Builder Boy (Northern Saddler 4th & Jessot's Boy 7th) over 2m3/1 here (good) in November Coof Spot: Seems to need some cut in the ground, 7th higher than when successity over this trip at Folkestone (good to soft) in December and more to do Northern Saddler. Genume sort, but past his best, Lucky witner when list clear by Rockforce's final fence fall at Newton Abbot (2m, heavy) last time and 2b higher Astral Investion: Below per effort last time when 4th of (bearins 18/4 lengths) to Centaur Express at Leicaster (2m1/4 soft) last month. Will be more suited by this ground River Levent Not the greatest of battlers and visioned first time, though has been here in better aff for 1 lengths), but Eighty raced since Lasson'

VERDICT: File De Cresson will set a strong gallon but needs an easy two miles, and was headed two out when second to HANG/EM OUT TO DRY at Doncaster last month, Ed James' winter is 26 worse off, but looks an improving sort

4.00 HOECHST ROUSSEL PANACUR EB. 19H' NOVICE HURDLE

1	2P1322	BORA BORA (19) (Mme Jula Baldanza) N Truston-Caves 6 ft 5C Liewelly:
2	-01355	DARK ROMANCE (38) (A A Goldson) Miss Z Dayson 10 1) 5O McPhall (5
3	1-321	WILMOTT'S FANCY (14) (1/5 J if Peutherer) Mass V Williams 7 11 5
4	5-0000	CANDY COPPER (38) OK R Ford) 4'rs P Ford 6 10 12 Ar M Frith (7
5	R52PU-	CELTIC GOBLIN (275) (M H Dare) R Hodges # 1012 B Power
6	DAD.	CLAN ROSS (85) (D Tye) P Rechers 8 10 12 B Fenton
7		CRACKING CREMPET (51) (Harry Bibby) A Brotherton 6 10 12 K Johnson
6	1/	DAWN SPINNER (663) (Mrs H Maxand-Jones) N Handerson 7 to 12
9		DISAPMING (Pet Met Partners) C Mostock S to 2
10	6-0P	GAELIC (60) (Mrs J K Powell) N Twiston-Davies 7 to 12 7 Janes
Ħ	30-P	OUR DAWNY (17) [Mrs J M F Dittoer.) O Sherwood 8 10 12 J Osborns
12	0-004	RICHMOND LADY (32) (Derek Thompson (Basingstoket) P Hobbs 8 10 12
10	0-0	SWIET SYMPHONY (100) (G Small) A Hooges 6 to 12 P Holle
14	32/OP.	TRACEYTOWN (383) (J G Thatcher) G Balding 7 to 12
6	0633-	TRIPLE TRIUMPH (276) (George Moore) J Neville 8 10 2 A Magnin
10	50	VELSHEDA (55) (Mrs Z S Carti C Mortock 8 10 12 D Leath

BETTING: 4-6 Wilmott's Fancy, 9-2 Dawn Spirmer, 5-1 Bora Bora, 6-1 Dark Romance, 12-1 Disa Richmond Lady, 14-1 Triple Triumph, 16-1 Velaheda, 29-1 Dur Dawny, Geelle, 33-1 others 1996: Madem Muck 7 10 12 C Llewellyn 8-13 (av (N Terston-Cawes) 14 ram FORM GUIDE

FORM GUIDE

Boral Boral: Consistent nowce, won modest makes event at Huntingdon (2ntit), good to soft in December. Seems to act on any going, but hard task with 7th penalty Dark Homences Besten 2 but when 5th to Flicardo (winner since) at Towcester (2m, soft) in December. Has a 7th pull for 9% lengths with runner-up Wilmott's Fancy Wilmott's Fancy. Hold to Ricardo at Towcester (2m, soft) in December. Winner of weak race next time and on upgrade Candy Coppeir: Bred to stay farther than this and shaped well when 5th on debut in a bumper last season. Little show next 4 must, including tast 2 over hurdles. Cattle Goottin: Error prone maiden point-to-pointer and has failed to firish in 8 of her 18 outlings. Unlikely to be tast enough to figure over this shorter bip.
Can Rose: Alweys behind in a Newbury bumper and Fortwell novice hurdle. By Ardross

13 outings. Unilisally to be fast enough to figure over this shorter trip
Clain Roses Always behind in a Newbury bumper and Fortiwel novice hurde. By Archaes
out of a mare who won over hurdes and fences, so should skey well
Crackling Crusmpet: Teled off when pulled up after the 6th over course and distance
(soft) in December. Stable have not had a jumping winner for over ? months
Dawnt Splanner: First run sance winning a bumper (2m15 good) on her debut here in
May, 3997. Stable in fair form and unlikely to look fitness
Disamming: Unreaded Gunner & mare out of a Will Somers mare
Geollic: Unplaced both runs in bumpers and behind when pulled up before 3 out on
hurdling debut at Exester (2m3t, soft) in December. Looks a chaser on breeding
Our Dawny: Westkaned 3 out when pulled up before the next on her hurdling debut
at Doncaster (2 fam, good) lest month. May improve with more experience
Ritchmond Ladyr. Half-ester to one-hurs useful chaser Captain (Oredwe, improved
effort on 2nd run over hurdles when 4th to Hardly at Wincanton (2m, soft) lest month
Sweet Symphomy: Hurdling debut and talled off both runs in bumpers
Thotal or in a bumpers and pulled up in her only start over hurdles at
Lingfield (2m7), good to soft) last season. Has not run for over a year
Intellet Thumph: Hurdling debut and pieced twice from 4 outings in bumpers last term
Welshadet: Half-stear to winning hurdler Halona. Hurdling debut and only modest form
in both starts in bumpers

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VERDICT: WILMOTTS FANCY, has a future over fences and ran as if she needed farther when numer-up to subsequent Uttoweter winner Ricardo at Towcester in December. She found an easy opportunity over two miles, one furlong at Plumpton next time and this extra two and a half furlongs will be right up her street.

4.30 DSWALD & ROWLAND SYMDNDS HUNTER CHASE (H) 52,000 added 3m 1f 110yds Penalty Value £1,847

2MP1- ARDELL BOY (P281) (JE Grev) J Grev 11 tf 7" .. 2007- ARDIELL BOY (P201) (J. E. Grey) Jistry 11 17
519-PP CRUISE FREE (P3) (H. Il Manners) H. Manners 10 11 7
509-PP CRUISE FREE (P3) (H. Il Manners) H. Manners 10 11 7
508-PP KRELORI GALE (254) (D. H. Bennet) M. F. Harding 11 11 7
508-SP KRELORI GALE (254) (D. H. Bennet) M. F. Harding 11 11 7
53-43P NATIVE RAMBUER (116) (Mrs. A. Price) Mrs. A. Price 9 11 7
527-21 SOUTHERN FLIGHT (P22) (J. G. Cohrel) K. Cumings 10 11 7
53-43P NATIVE LABROUGH (2020) (E8) 44 Adventure of Mrs. B. Price 11 11 2

Miss P Gundry (5) Mr D Sherlock (7)

16 mil-3 LILYTHE LARK (P23) (BF) IA Horigrow) Mass H Iveng 11 11 2 ... Milas H Iveng (7)

-16 declared
BETTING: 5-2 Southers Flight, 100-30 biy The Lark, 11-2 Saffron Moss, 6-1 Rushy Bridge, 10-1

Lakeelde Lad, Ancher, 13-1 Milater Horsto, 14-1 Milas Millbrook, 16-1 Andell Boy, 25-1 others
1998 Buzz O'The Crowd 11 11 7 Mr D Alexs-Hankey (7) 5-1 (Milas A Handell So), 25-1 others FORM GUIDE

Martin's Lad: One-time useful novice chases with John Edwards. Has taked to finish 5 of his 6 outings since then, including in both point-to-points this season flusty Bridge: Out and our stayer, who needs plently of driving along. Led until blundering end unsaaking note: 4 out in this race last season and first outing since thon Highway Five: Always behind when pulled up before 13th in this race tast your Finished behind Native Rambler (ard) when 6th to form's Gemin Star at Worcester (Jin 1 month) later. 1f, good) in May Miss Millibrook: Disappointing when pulled up both runs last season, but won over course and distance in 1997 with Rusty Bridge 24% lengths in 3rd. Best watched for

the time being Archer; Has failed to Gresh in 2 point-to-points this season Brother to Carvill's Hill and 5th in the race last year, but totally ungenume and one to shun Mister Horatio; Promising nonce hunter-chaser in 1997 Suspect jumper under Rules and had every chance when blundering and unseating order 4 dut in Earthmover's race at Stratford in May, 1997.

race at Stratford in May, 1997
Saffron Mose: Chepstow hunter-chaser winner (3m, heavy) last season by 21; lengths from Arches who is 5th better of 2nd in point on erappearance, but needs soft ground Ardell Boy: Front-runing winning pointer, but not as effective under Rules. First outing since winning point at Borwiston (good to firm) in May Canister Castilic Ungernane point to-pointer, whose only success was in a maiden 3 seasons ago, Well behind on both outings in points this season and no prospects Cruise Free: Pulled up in all 3 outings since winning a 2-finisher point of Andoversford (good to soft) in April in a shrewly yard, but can be safely ignored. If a Ladt, Often makes mistakes and hard to win with. Placed on numerous occasions, but has failed to firish in both starts in points the season. Needs test ground, Killough Galler, Fireshed talled of 6th in this race tast season. Needs test ground,

Kinlough Gale; Finished tailed off fith in this race tast season. Needs last ground, tast changed stables and first outing since pulling up at Newton Abbot (2m5(good) in June
Lakesida Lad: Maiden winner at Bitterley (good to soft) in April Always behind when
pulled up over course and distance (good) in May and out of his depth
Native Rambler: Front-naming winning pointer Weakoned 2 out when 3rd to Broad
Steame over course and distance (good) in May. First run ance pulling up in a h cap

Southern Flight: Lightly raced winning pointer Easy winner on reappearance at Bar-bury Castle (soft) lost month. In a Successful yard and potentially useful. ing when 3rd to Native Venture (winner since) on her reappearance at Horseheeth

(soft) last month VERDICT! Lity The Lark was hard to beet in ladies races last point-to-point sea-son and goes well for Heather living and though on the small side she receives all the allowances here as does SOUTHERN FLIGHT, From Keith Currings' leading Devort yard, he has not run much in the last three seasons, but made an impressive back when winning easily on his respicerance at Berbury Castle last month.

5.00 LEDBURY HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 1f Penalty Value £2,944

- 12 declared Minimum woght: 10st. Tune hendicap engights: Supreme Missier 9st 12th, Stonocutter 9st 11th, Studio
Thiny Ret 8th, Among Islands 9st 7th, Landlard 9st 3th, Roschell 8st 13th, Studio Thiny, St. 12th, Studio Thiny, St. 13th, Pandell 8st 13th, Studio Thiny, 5-1 Sunday Secure, 8-1 Two To Tango, Tremendisto, 6-1
Bunges Jumper, 10-1 Le Khound, 20-1 others Bungee Jumper, 10-1 Le Ahound, 20-1 others 1995: A.S.Jim 7 11 4 H.Oliver (7) 9-4 (O.C'Noil) 9 ran

FORM GUIDE

Le Khoumit: First run since making no show in last season's County Hurdle. 9th higher than winning at Tauriton (2m1f, good to firm) in 1997 and looks badly handrcapped Cashaphanty: Successful in 3 handrags hundles this season over 2m. 7th higher than when winning at Doncaster (good) in December and plenty to do at the weights Sumley Secure: Won off a 4th lower mark at Newton Abbot (2m1f, heavy) in December 1997, but trisk run since then Bungee Jumper: Has won hive on fest ground and usually held up. Unable to quick-en 3 out when 2nd to Indiana Princess at Ludlow (2m, good to firm) in October and

en 3 out when 2nd to Indiana Princess at Ludlow (2m, good to firm) in October and absence since then against him. There To Tange: Malden hurdler winner (2m11, good) last season. First outing since finishing 4th to Soldier Mak at Uttoxeler (2m, good) in October Tremendiator. Selling handloop hurdler, test on atter being outpaced 4 out when 4th to Coble at Ludlow (2m, soit) last month and runs off the same mark. Supreme Maeter: Showed promise on first outing for 78 months when 4th to Arctic Charlter at Taunton (3m, good) in Oceaniber. Disappointing next 2 runs. Stonecutter: Selling hurdle winner at Uttoxeter (2m, soif) in 1996 for Mick Channon, Only 2nd run since when 18th to Next Feet at Wincarnton (2m, good to soit). Studio Thirty: Course specialist, her won 3 three here, routing to word over distance. tio Thirty: Course specialist, has won 3 times here, including twice over dis

Studio Thirty: Course specialist, has won 3 times here, including twice over distance. Only 1th higher than when making a successful reappearance here in December Among Islands: Selfing handicap hurdler, first run since finishing lest of 13 behind Madem Muck at Ludiow (2mSt, good) in March and is on a 2to higher mark Landiord: First run since winning 2m8f Cartmel selling handicap hurdle off it Its lower mark for Peter Bowen in August 1997. Poor form otherwise and has changed yards Rosehall: Hand to win with (one success from 21 outings). Capable of the odd good effort, but remote chance here 1915 out of the handicap. VERDICT: Outs a few of this field are returning from a break and have probably been waiting for this better ground, but there are no fitness womes about STUDIO THIRTY. He has won three times here and though raised 3to after finishing second to Doctor Bravious at Plumpton a fortright ago is only 1th higher then when winning

NEWBURY Going: Good (Good to Soft in places) 1.90: 1. SAIL RV THE STARS (S Wynne) 4 2. Zaggy Lone 7-2; 3. Cell it A Day 9-1 7 ren. n-4 tav Earthmover 4, nk. (H Daly, Lud-

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lowi. Tote: £420; £230. £200. DF: £800. CSF: £563 Tricast: £5652 MP: Herhorse. 2,00: 1. CELIBATE (M A Fitzperstd) 7-2: 2. Mulligan 7-2: 2. Nearly An Eye 11-2 6 ran. 5-2 fax Ast Tom (#81) 2/h, § £C Merri, Lern-bourn, Tote: £440; £180, £240. DF: £880.

lon; Tote: £230; £10, £500, £450. DF; £2010. CSF: £3822. Non Purner: Go Man. Jacipot: £3730. Quadpot: £1650. Place & £5225. Place &: £146. HAYDOCK

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SATURDAY'S RESULTS

A Y P Gong: Soft 1.SC: 1. BEGORRAT (Derek Byrne) 8-1; 2. Burundi 1-8 lav: 3. SByrney 8-1; 10 ran, 8. 1%, 4 Goldey Rein: 622f; 5120, 512 075 07-92.30. CSF; 5128 NF: Kobat, Sen Fearnaco. 2.20; 1. COURSE DOCTOR (J. Callaghen) 11-8 fax; 2. Legal Right 6-2; 3. Mr Frangi-peni 8-1 37 ran; 5. dat. (§ Moord, Tobe 52.30; 6140, 615), 6180, 07: 5240, CSF; 524, 2.50; 1. THANKS KEITH (L. Cooper) 6-4 fax; 2. The Reiche 5-2; 3. All Our Blessings 18-1 2.50: 1. THANKS RETHY (L. COOPS) 5-4 sp; 2. The Robe 5-2: 3. All Our Bleadings 19-1 4 ran. Dist, 18: (J. J. O'Nell). Tota: £2.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: SSM7. 3.25: 1. ISLAND CHEF (B Storey) 6-4 se; 2. Committed Schedule 7-1: 3. Bright Destine 5-1 8 ran. 7: 4: (P Beaumont). Tota: £200. £120. £120. £10. DF: £380, CSF: £381 Trigast £2562.

4.16: 1. KINGS MEASURE (I. Wywr) 11-4 fav.

2. The Butterwick Kid 3-1; 3. Explain Tries
3-1.6 ran. 3; 16; (1 M Joffernon, Malton) Total
2-1.6 ran. 3; 16; (1 M Joffernon, Malton) Total
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2-2.0; (2.00, 2.20) DF: 52.20 CSF: 51.01
2-2.1 Incotops 8-1; 3. Last Option 11-4: 10 ran.
2-4 last Rough Chaer (publied up). 11, 17.
Mark G Firmel, Broadway! Fotal 5850; 51.90
2-2.1 LAGEN BRIDGE (D J Morfard) 11-2;
2-2.1 Junjam Johnny 9-2: 3. Burnt forp D-1
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2-2.2 Junjam Johnny 9-2: 3. Burnt forp D-1
3-2 D F: 52.20 CSF: 52.20
Place 6: 62.267/7. Place 5: 62.46349.

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Gong: Soft
1-50: 1. BEGORRAY (Dark Byrne) 8-1; 2.
Burned 11-8 last 3. Sillymore 8-1 10 ran. 8
17. J Goldrie Rate: 63.21; C12.0 C170 DF:
03-20: C. COURSE D DCTOR (J CLEBrohan)

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CATTERICK Going: Good (Good to Firm in places) 1,45; 1, RADANPOUR (Mr. J. Crowley) 12-1, 2, Be Brave 5-2 by: 3. Oversman 9-2, 15 man, Hd, Vr. (J. Howard Johnson), Totel 1580; 5380, 1380, 1360, DP: 1560, CSF: 23844 NR: Mittraic. 2.15: 1. BARNBURGH BOY (G Bradley) 8-11 fax: 2. Facsian 8-1; 2. Joe Share 13-2 8 ran, 4. oh-hd. (T Easterby), Totar: 17. 17. 11.50, 1.171, 1160, OF: 28.00, CSF: 2738,

2.45: 1. DOMNEGALE (Nr. J.) Tabl 6-1; 2. Acide Filyer 6-1; 3. Tool Bay 15-2; 12 ran. 7-2 for Toops (ath), 5: 12 (1 Tools) Total 5:30, 12-20. C160, 62-40, 07. \$1460. (201-120-24) Recent - 0700 27 1220 Listo E240 DF. (1480 CSF-crosed Microst: 2208.73.
3.20: 1. GALEN (Mr. A Dempery) 5-2: 2. Misster Musichyseus 8-1; 3. The Snow Burn 11-4.
5 ma. 9-4 key Snep Command (464). 11/4; 1/4.
[Mr. M. 4048.1]. 1486. Listo, 2.23. 1484.
150: 1. MARIGLIANO (A.S. Smith) 4-1; 2.
Classic Eagle 3-1 fax; 3. Eastim Project III.
2.6 ran. 14; 2/4. (K.Morgan) Take (441). 520.
52:20 DF: 51/37 AG CSF: 55/7.
A20: 1. TRADE DISPUTE (Mr. A Demostry) 2-1 fax; 2. Andy Burnett 9-4; 3. Greenwount Lad 2:18 ran. 7 hd (E. Rey, Take: 250. CSQ CSG).
52: 18x; 2. Colomaratin 8-1; 3. Goldengirmichiele 40: 14 ran. 1/4. 3. (1. Libryd-lamest) 70: 627: 6450.
Piace 95: 5260. Place 5: 52676.
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LINGFIELD Going: Standard 1.25: 1. ALAMEIN (P Clarks) 6-1; 2. Kings Harmony 16-1; 3. Scissor Fidge 12-1, 15 ren.

7-2 fs/ Acid Test 8, 1/. (D Nichole) Tota: \$550; \$160 #380, \$190 DF: \$195.30, \$367: \$298.40. Tricast \$1068.52. 1,522; 1,74M GURP (J Culm) 11-4; 2, \$2286-do \$2-1; 3, Derk Memore \$5-2, 10 ren, 11-5 fe/ Hepcon Louis 11/, 11/, 61, Moore) Tota: \$4.20; \$170, \$2.90, \$180 DF: \$1490 CSF.

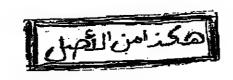
SA20; SC70, S280, S180 DF; S480, CSF. S2808

1. Control Ambby Jack 5-1; 3. Mr Rough 7-1. 9 mn. 3. 1 (1 Whiston), Tota: C290; S280, S 4.10; 1, PIPER'S CLAN LI P Spancer 4-1; 2, College Blue 6-7 ster, 3, Bharp Hint 4-1 5 rm. 1½, 4 (N Colleghan) Tote: \$450; \$2:0, 7:00 EF: \$200 CSF: \$644 4.40; 1, SHANGHAI LIT. (F Norton) 10-1; 2. Sterve Silt. 6-4; 2, bestelling Gromage II is lar 5 rm. 2, 7; (M Fetherston-Godley). Tote: \$100; \$360; \$100 CF: \$2550 CSF: \$236, Placepot F2360, Claudpot \$300. Place 6: 6: \$10145, Place 5: \$2398.

CHLS Corn' Cracker 6-1 11-2 6-1 6-1 11-2 Hang Out To Dry 11-2 8-1 6-1 8-1 11-2 File de Cresson 6-1 6-1 6-1 1-1 6-1 Cool Spot 74 94 94 81 81 Fighting Times 8-1 19-1 8-1 9-1 9-1 Absort's Boy 18-1 10-1 7-1 9-1 10-1 hallo Star 141 12-1 16-1 14-1 14-1 Phor Lenga 14-1 14-1 12-1 16-1 Askal Investor, 20-1 15-1 15-1 15-1 azza 40-1 33-1 33-1 25-1 40-1 Capt Stockford 66-1 66-1 66-1 66-1 Northern Singer 68-1 80-1 25-1 50-1 50-1 Each way, a purpler the orbit, places 1, 2, 3, 4 C Coral, H William Hill, L Lachesters, B Startey, 7 Total

FIRST SHOW

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Reid is 'winner' in defeat

"YOU'LL NEVER see Joe Calzaghe fight that badly again, that was awful," said the undefeated World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight champion following his split decision victory over a fired-up Robin Reid at the Telewest Arena, Newcastle, on Saturday evening. But it will be at least six months before Calzaghe gets the chance to clear his name as be is once again sidelined by an injury to his left hand.

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Calzaghe had hoped that beating Reid, a former World Boxing Council champion, would set up a big-money clash with Ireland's Steve Collins. Collins and Calzaghe had been due to meet in October 1997, when Collins was WBO champion. But the the WBO champion at work. Dubliner claimed that, having twice beaten both Chris Eubank and Nigel Benn, he would not be unsung Welshman. Collins announced his retirement and Calzaghe went on to beat Euhank for the vacant title.

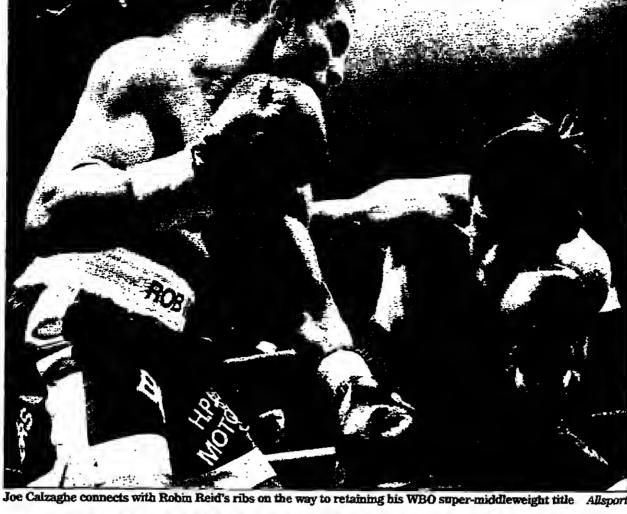
But the Newbridge south-

BOXING BY GLYN LEACH

Eubank, Calzaghe has been restricted to just two defences. The bulk of 1998 was spent recuperating after hand surgery and now 1999 will be a similarly frustrating year for the 28-

year-old. The promoter, Frank Warren, believes Calzaghe, who won for the 26th time, can replace the recently departed Naseem Hamed as the star of his stable, and representatives from the big two American cable TV networks, Home Box Office and Showtime, were at ringside in Newcastle to watch

But it will not have been a totally wasted journey for them as they cannot have failed to be imable to motivate himself for the pressed by the courage and determination of Runcorn's Reid, who had been given little chance against the Welshman Reid began to land frequent and heavy shots as the fight unpaw, like so many of boxing's big folded and he was always com-hitters, has suffered terribly petitive. It was, however, with his hands, Since beating surprising that one judge made



that was Calzaghe's margin of victory according to the other ed against Italian southpaw

fresh life into his career. The loss was his second in 29 fights lone draw) but now, with Calzaghe off the scene, he emerges La Hoya, come through the

him the winner by so wide a as the logical challenger for his stiffest test of his career to re-score as 116-111, particularly as old title, which Telford's Richie tain his WBC light welter. La Hoya hook dropped Quartey Woodhall successfully defendtwo judges.

But Reid, 27, has breathed

Vincenzo Nardiello in the chief
supporting bout at Newcastle. Vincenzo Nardiello in the chief

SPORTING DIGEST

In the American half of a Sky

Box Office pay-per-view double-header, "Golden Boy" Oscar De

weight (10 st) title for the sixth time, by a split decision against the previously unbeaten Ghanaian, Ike "Bazooka" Quartey. The scores were 116-113 and 116-112 for De La Hoya, 115-114 for Quartey. The contest came to life

on the seat of his pants. Moments later the champion was down and in trouble but, inexplicably, Quartey never forced home the advantage and the former World Boxing Association champion missed

Cannock take their chance

CANNOCK REPLACED Canterbury at the top the National League Premier Division and finished what proved to be a bad weekend for the Kent side with a three-point lead.

Canterbury surrendered top spot on Saturday when they drew 1-1 with Teddington and yesterday lost 6-5 at home to Old Loughtonians. That handed Cannock their chance, which they took by following up Saturday's unconvincing 1-0 victory at home to Beeston with a 3-1 win at Brooklands yesterday. Southgate beat struggling

East Grinstead 2-0 vesterday to recover a little pride. They had suffered a heavy home defeat against Reading last week and were thrashed 7-1 by Guildford after a 2-2 draw.

BY BILL COLWILL

on Saturday when Ian Jennings became the first to 200 National League goals with the second goal in his hat-trick. Yesterday Southgate won with goals by Duncan Woods and Simon Moffat in the second-half of a scrappy game in which two of their three Australians, Max Diamond and Ryan McGraw, re-

ceived temporary suspensions. It was a bleak weekend for women's Premier Champions. Ipswich. They went down 3-1 to Clifton Scottish Life on Saturday and in the Cup yesterday lost 3-2 to Clifton on penalties

Riders switch focus

HAVING SEEN the door to the play-offs slammed in their faces oo Saturday night. Leicester City Riders now have a keen interest in today's expected result from the commission of inquiry into the abandonment of Derby Storm's game at Chester Jets two weeks ago for fighting.

Greater London Leopards's 88-74 win at Leicester confirmed that the Budweiser League has now split in two, with eighth-placed Leopards and the teams above them certain of qualifying for the playoff quarter-finals.

Leicester can now focus on their League Trophy semi-final

BASKETBALL BY RICHARD TAYLOR

second leg match with Derby,

who could have players suspended on Thursday. The League leaders, Sheffield Sharks, maintained

their edge over Manchester Giants, with 26 points from Todd Cauthorn giving them a 98-89 win over Thames Valley Tigers. Giants coasted to a 94-85 win at Worthing Bears, while

London Towers replaced Birmingham in the top four with a 79-74 win over the Bullets at Crystal Palace.

SQUASH

FLANDERS OPEN (Authorp, Bel) Send Books: J Power (Can) bt A Gough (Mai) 15 12 11-15 15-10 15-6; M Heads (Sco) bt I Johnson (Eng) 15-12 B-15 15-7 12-15 15-11

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46 77; 3 R Knowles 47 46; 4 O Naismith 47.49;
5 L Baird 48.17; 6 M Douglas 49.08; 2,000cm
1 L Rocich (Kenl Amirs 56:09secs; 2 A Diaz
(5)) 4:56,87; 3 S Rono (Kenl) 4:58,73,
5,000cm; H Gebrschssie (Eth) 12:51,48
(WR), U-17 440cm; 1 G Dian 49.87; 2 P
Roberts 50.39; 3 T Roe 50.84, Montener 200cm;
1 K Merry 22,83; 2 J Curbbert (Jam) 23.28;
3 S Anderson 23.79, 4 S Williemps 24.00, 5
E Maher (hr) 24.67, 400cm Bridgh brown qualther 1 M Thomas 53,07; 2 V Day 54,17; 3
L Whitehead 54.33; 4 C Easton 54,54; 5 O
Higgins 52.00; 6 K Goodwin 55.76, 50mc Purt
1 L Koeman (Nem) 18,42m; 2 V Fedynshins
(L'9) 17.82, 3 E Addison (Ra) 17.62; 4 J Cokes
17.42; S M Augee 16.00; 6 P Roles 15.90,
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DORTHUND INDOOR BUESTING (Index1 Miners 600ms 1 D Ezinwa (Riserta) ATHLETICS

DORTHUND INDOOR BIESTING (Belecced) Men; 60m; 1 D Ezinwa (Nigeria) 6 52se; 2 E Niasta (Great 6.55; 3 D Powell (Juni 6.58, 200m; 1 L Christie (GB) 21 02, 2 F Schwarchoff (Ger), 400mc J Baufch (GB) 48.87; 2 R Martin (US) 48.78, 60mc Clarkson (GB) 7 45; 2 F Balzer (Ger) 7 47. Minman: 60mx 1 M Ottey (Jam) 7 05sec. 5,000mx 1 G Szabo (Rom) 14 41.86 (WR, old record, 1 McColgan [GB) 15:03,17 BASKETBALL

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81, Phoenic 107 LA, Clippers 104 (or);
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74; Renault Leferster Rufers 74 Greatburgh Rocks 79, Thames Valley Tigers 89
Westfield Sharks Sheffield 98, ITL 16F Northing Bears 85 Munchester Gunts 94.

BOBSLEIGH FOUR-MAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPs (Cortina D'Ampezzo): 7 France 1: 2 Carado 1: 3 Switzerland 1 Others 13 Brhain 1 [S Otsson, P Goedluck, O Ward, P Horles], 1: 6: 10: [53: 11-53.53]: 19 Brtain 2 IL Johnston, E Scekwalor, C Gray, W Gor-

BOXING

PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION (Nemicastie): 4-rd beaugusetyht; P Hafberg (Den) in B Foster (Braction) jos. 3-rd light beaugusetyht; P Hafberg (Den) in B Foster (Braction) jos. 3-rd light beaugusetyht: O Kemetsen (Nor) bt O Juma (Belfast) ret 154. 6-rd bantamanight: O Pryce (Newbridge) bt S Gates (Fullam) pts. 10-rd Norrhern Area middlesweight; Kellet E Halley (South Shields) bt P Westley (Birmingham) pts. 4-rd light-middlesweight; Kellet E Halley (South Shields) bt P Westley (Birmingham) pts. 4-rd light-middlesweight; Kellet (Birmingham) pts. 4-rd light-middlesweight discriber (Woodalall (Teiford, holder) bt V Nardiello (It) rac 6th. 72-rd Woodal (Bernott) bt V Nardiello (It) rac 6th. 72-rd Woodal (Bernott) bt Red (Buncom) pts. FROFESSHONAL PROMOTION (Las Vogas): 12-rd WEG Superbantamsweight ether E Morales (Mes, holder) bt I Charton (PR) No. 12-rd WESC Superbantamsweight; teher E Morales (Mes, holder) bt I Quartey (Gha) pts.

- CRICKET NEW ZEALAND V SOUTH AFRICA

ras (lb1, nb2, w2).....

NEW ZEALARD M. J. Horne c. Potlock b. Kailis. N. J. Astle b. Klaisener. C. D. McAlfillan c. Kailis. b. Donald. A. C. Parone c. Boucher b. Donald. C. L. Cahres nen out. (Senilensstein). M. D. Bell c. Rhodes b. Donald. C. Z. Harris not out. "D. J. Nasth run out. (Senilensstein). D. L. Vestord not out.

3-2-2-0.
Resolt: England A soon by 193 rams.
Unspiress G R Evans and E J Glimour.
TOUR MATCH: (Worlington): England
Under-19 420 (R Red 95. J K Maunders 55.
J R J Feorick 50): Wellington Emerging Players 282-6 U Consedine 91. S Fairley 61. L
Morgan 60).
SUPPERSPORT SERIES [Third day of
foor] Cope Yours (WorZulu Nata) 210 and
260-6 [M L Bruyns 109). Western Province

257. Johannesburg: Gaureng 226 and 256-3 (A M Bacher 79, K R Rutherford 78no). Boland 319 (S 1 Pairraman 147, D R Gain 50). Bibeantostale: Eastern Province 281 and 240 (J. J Koen 80, O J. Callagran 70), Free State 237 and 199-6. East London: Griqualand West 239 and 106-2. Border 287 (C B Sugrien 56. P C Serydom 72). BUSTA CUP (Sectional day of four): Bridgetonar: Barhados 392 (C Brown 72, Stringetonar: Barhados 392 (C Brown 73, C Campber 102, K Semphy A-85) v Jamaica. Kingaronari, St. Vilocear: Guyana 263 (C Lamber 102, K Semphe 51) and 0-0. Windward Islands 180 (R McLeon 60). Angustine Thirdida and Tobago 453 (L Roberts 151, R Smith 98, S Ragoonath 61). Lectuard Islands 69-1.

TOUR OF THE INSTITUTEMANEAN FIRST SLEEP (219km, Mürzman to Beziers); 1 M van Heesarijk (Hot) Mapei Sir 37min 28 sec; 2 J Kirschou (Est) Casmot 6 F Baldaro (1) Ballan, Owerall standings: 1 0 Rebellin (1) Pold 15:32:2; 2 M Bodgerd (Hot) Robobark +33acc, 3 W Bef6 (II) Franca +37.

DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC LANDING Final Scores (5% or bri suless status): 275 D

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son (Den) 72 74 78 74, M Publington 73 71 79 75 "denotes consteat. RYDER CUP European Team, Sesendings: 1 C Montgomerie (Sco) 5,750pts, 2 D Curie (N Fe) 3,323, 3 L Westwood (Eng) 3,282, 4 M A Jimenez (Sp) 2,780, 5 5 Struser (Se) 2,660, 6 D Howell (Eng) 2,162, 7 J Sandelin (Swe) 2,090, B A Colorat (Sco) 2,063, 9 R Karbson (Swe) 2,005, 10 A Caba (Ger) 2,005; 11 P McGrivey (Rep In) 1,602, 12 P Stoland (Swe) 1,590, 13 P Fuller (Swe) 1,543, 14 8 Langer (Ser 1,309, 155 Webser (Eng) 1,325, 15 G (Brand Inr (Sco) 1,146, 17 Pu) Johansson (Swe) 1,093, 18 P Belser (Eng) 1,325, 15 G (Frozza (R) 952, 280 5 Forrance (Sco) 945. (Rep 10 of end of August quality, compania Maris Jones Unen other problems with Control.

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EM. PREMIER: Bournelle 3 Brooklands 3: Cannock 1 Bession O. Guidford 7 Southgare 1: Old Loughtonians 5 East Grissrad 2: Reading 4 Hourslow 2: Reddington 1 Cangroury 1: Seeston 0 Bournelle O. Brooklands 1 Cannock 3: Canterbury 5 Old Loughtonians 6: Hourslow 3 Guidford 3: Southgate 2 East Grinstead 0: Teddington 2 Readings 2. Seaudingser 1 Cannock (P15-Pe38). 2 Canterbury (15-35): 3 Southgate

(15-33), First Dhriston; Escrope 3 Havant 2; Firebrands 1 Bromely 2; Hull 2 Narieston Maggles 3; Indian Gyrinkhana 4 Loughborough Studens 2; Isca 0 Oxford Hawks 6; Lewes 3 Barford Tiges. 1; S. Albans 3 Oxford Univ. 3; Sherifield 1 Doncaster 4; Stourport 2 Chelmoford 1; Surbiton B Hampotead & Westminster 1, Scandings: 1 Surbiton B Hampotead & Westminster 1, Scandings: 1 Surbiton (14-34); 2 Doncaster [14-35], 3 Lewes 14-32; SOUTH PREPAREE: Anchorians 4 Working 1; Beckenham 2 Instringe Wells 1; City of Portsmouth 1 Old Cranleighans 4; Fareham 0 Wimbeledon 2; Gene Court 2 High Wycontoe 3; Herne Bay I Chicester 3; Maldenhard 3 Old Whitgliftins 2; Puricy Walcontoe 3; Herne Bay I Chicester 3; Maldenhard 3 Old Whitgliftins 2; Puricy Malcountons 2 Workingtons 1; Richmond 3 Blackheath 0; Winchester 4 Bournemouth 1. Staudillegs: 1 Fareham (18-37); 2 Wimbledon 115-30; 3 City of Portsmouth 16-32. DTZ MITTAL AND PREMIERS: Coventry & North Marwick 2 North Stafford 1; Edghaston 4 Northampiton Saints 3; Hampton-In-Arden 2 Northampiton Saints 3; Hampton-In-Arden 7 Northampiton Saints 3; Hampton-In-Arden 7 Northampiton Saints 3; Hampton-In-Arden 7 Northampiton Saints 3; Hampton-In-Arden 8; Khalsa 2 Otton & Wess Warwick 1; Shrewston (17-38); 2 Khalsa (17-37); 3 Notzangham (17-35).

MANDREFEYS EHR. PREFEREER: Hightown 5 Frifes Leicester 2; Ipsawich 1 Cilifon Scottish Life 3; Sough 5 Otton Narraques 3; Suiton Coldinicia 2 Doncaster 1, Standings 1 (sowrich 110-25); 2 Slough 1 Life 23); 3

tish Life 3; Sicugh 5 Ötton Terraquest 3; Sut-tion Coldffeld 2 Doncaster 1. Standlaget 1 joswich (10-25); 2 Slough (10-22); 3 Oliron Scottish Life (10-19) First Dhighest Bradford 2 Cheimstorid Highway 1; Can-terbury 3 Alchidge 1; Loughbonough Stu-dents 4 Tolans Di Wimblodon 1 Sundertand Ashivooke 0. Standlagest 1 Cheimstord Highway (10-17); 2 Loughbonough Stu-dents (10-17); 3 Canterbury (10-16), Sec-onal Dhislaion: Bracknell 0 Ealing 0. Poymon 4 Hampton-in-Arden 1; Sher wood 1 Sc Albans 0; Wolding 3 Old Loughtonians 3, Seasothages 1 Wolding (10-28); 2 Ealing (10-20); 3 Old Loughtonians (10-15). BONGEN'S INDUAND PREMIER Crimeon Ramblers I Loughborough Sudents 3; Kettering 1 Olton & West Warwick 2; Luton 1 Belger 1; North Staffs 1 Bedford (10-27); 2 Loughborough Students (10-20), 3 Kettering (10-18).

BONGEN'S NORTH First Dinkshore Blackborn 1 Chester 4; Don Valley 1 Leytand Motors 0; Sheffield 1 Liverpool 0. Winnington Park 1 Decide Ramblers 3 Scandings: 1 Decide Ramblers (10-28); 2 Liverpool (10-19); 3 Crester (10-16).

MONGEN'S EAST PPSMIER: Ashford v Cambridge City postponed; Bury 5; Edmunds 0 Ipswisch 0; Letchworth 1 Blue-MOMEN'S MIDLAND PREM

harts 2; Sevenoaks 1 Dereham 0, Strand-lings: 1 Harleston Mapples 110-26); 2 Ipsarkh JN-19); 3 Sevenoaks (10-26); 2 Ipsarkh JN-19); 5 Sevenoaks (11-18), MOMENTS EH CUP With Rounds Addition 1 Otton 2; Billingham 0 Fyffes Leicester 5; Canterbury 2 Doncaster 3; Chehreford High-way 0 Loughborough Students 0, Otens-ford won 5-kaps; Clifton Scottish Life 2 Ipsarkh 2, Clifton won 3-2aps; Ealing 0 Sough 7; Highrown B Tuise Hill 2; Wolking 1 Bradford 2.

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Intitle Washington 3 New Jersey 2: Nashville
2 MY Islanders 1; Carolina 3 MY Rangers 1;
Detroit 2 Chicago 1; Caigary 4 Boston 3;
Dallas 3 Anahelm 2; Honesin 4 Codorado 1;
Onicago 8 Torrono 2; Montreal 4 Florida 0;
Ottawa 2 Washington 1; San Jose 3 Torroa
Bay 1; Buffato 2 MY Islanders 2 (ot), New
Jersey 6 Carolina 4; Firisburgh 3 Naghville
2 (ot); Edmonton 3 5t Louis 2; Dallas 3 Los
Angeles 2; Vancourer 3 Boston 1,
SEKONDA SUPERLEASUE: Manchester
Storm 3 Ayr 1; Nottingham Pantiers 8
Brachnell 8 (07); Shelfield Steelers 7 London Knights 1.

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The South African Gert Thys won the Tokyo marathon in the second-fastest time in history yesterday. The 27-year-old clocked 2ht5 6 min

ian Ronaldo da Costa in Bertin last September. Tokyo MARATHON (Japan molese stated) Mea: 7 G Thys (SA) 2hr forin 33sec; 2 H Misi 2:08.05: 3 K Shimtar 2:09.00. 4 L D Santos (Bra) 2:11.13; 5 W Okutan 2:11.24; 6 K Yokoyama 2:11.57, 7 7 Justushi 2:12.20; 8 N Hosto 2 12.31, 9 L

RALLYING

RUGBY UNION

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Vall, Cotorado) Women's statom 1 Z Steps: [Aut) 1min 33.97sec; P Wiberg | Swe) 1.34 77; 1 Bakke | Nor) 1.35.00

BERSON & HEDGES MASTERS (Mem-bley) Semi-finals: K Doherty (Iri) bt A McManus (Sco) 6-3: I Higgins (Sco) bt A Hamilton (Eng) 8-3.

teiru (Bra) 2.01.044, 3 R Greenwood 2:02.37, 4 C Jones 2:03.51; 5 O Cox 2:02.37, 6 C Jones 2:03.51; 5 O Cox 2:05.47, 2:00 ms recestyle: 1 G Borges (Bra) 1:45.55; 2 7 Pearson (Aus) 1:41.14; 3 C Fydler (Aus) 1:42.63, 40 Mings 4:22.72, 5 M Cole 4:28.70, 4:00 m freessyle: 1 O Maganas (Ger) 3:49.44, 7 G Smith 3:52.56; 8 I Wilson 3:53.45, Monose 50m Freessyle: 1 5 Hospith (Joseph 2:50, 5 G Smith 3:53.45, 40 Monose 50m Freessyle: 1 5 Filosock (U5) 25.50, 3 5 Rolph 25.76, 50m backstroke: 1 K Stechnyshyn (Can) 1:01.13; 2 C Cray 1:01.92; 3 H S See 1:01.13; 2 C Cray 1:01.92; 3 A Cappa (II) 1:02.44, 100m backstroke: 1 K Stechnyshyn (Can) 1:01.13; 2 C Cray 1:01.92; 3 A Cappa (II) 1:02.44, 100m freessyle: 1 5 Rolph 54.93; 2 J Sjotes (Swel 5:5.21; 3 L Nichols (Can) 55.50, 100m brussyle: 1 S Rolph 54.93; 2 J Sjotes (Swel 5:5.21; 3 L Nichols (Can) 55.50, 100m brussyle: 1 Lillinge (Swe) 1:59.23, 2 N Sjotes (1:59.25, 5 R Pichaeling 2:00.40, 7 C Huddard 2:00.60, 8 M Pedder 2:00.69, 400m inclinitianal medium; 1 V Klochkova (Uhr) 4:36.24; 2 C Burgoyne (Can) 4:40.34, 3 V Gervy (Bel) 4:42.20, 200m backstroke: 1 C Rund (Ger) 2:10.23, 6 K Section 2:16.13, 800m freesstyle: 1 Hua Chen (Cn) 8:22.25, 3 M Pedder 8:35.33, 6 S Colllings 8:44.24. TENNIS

ST PETERSBURNG OPEN: Semi-finalis: D
Prinosii (Ger) for J Stementrik (Hoti) 6-4 62: M Rooset (Swit) bt M Satin [Russla] 6-3 6-4.
5: M Rooset (Swit) bt M Satin [Russla] 6-3 6-4.
5: Plansis Rooset bt Prinosif 6-3 6-4.
5: Plansis OPEN (Sas Jose): Obarrerfinalis: M Philippoussis (Aus) bt J Garretstob
(LOS) 6-2-3-6-7-6. P Sampras (LOS) bt B Raibacher (Ger) 7-5-6-3. M Chang (LOS) bt C RouRudd (Nor) 6-1-1-5. C Mamit; LUS) bt M
Woodforde (Aus) 7-6-4-6-6-3 Semi-finalis
Mamilir bt Chang 3-6, 6-3. 6-4. Philippoussis bt Sampras W O.
DUBAL OPEN Semi-finalis: J Golmurd (Fr)
bt C Moya (So) 4-6-1-5-6-3. N Kieter (Ger)
bt A Ille [Aus) 16-31-6-3. N Kieter (Ger)
bt A Ille [Aus] 6-3-1-6-3. N Kieter (Ger)
bt A Ille [Aus] 6-5-3-6-3. N Kie TENNIS ch 3-1 (Nessau, Baham): Orde to Bahamas
3-0 (Saffman, Econolor): Ecuator Losts
Venezuela 2-1 Azia-Geomia group one
(Bashlanne): Uzoekisan te Pakistan 4-1,
Geoop Ymee (Bareglock): Thailand to Katatekstan 3-0 (Caleomathe): Itam to Sri Lanka 32. (Mandla): Philippines of Tarvan 3-7,
LYR'S JUNIOR INTERCHAPTOMAL TOURNAMERIT (Bisham Abbery): Boys' semifinals (GB unless stated): F Hermes
Holl bt Frober; (Swe) 6-1 3-6 6-3, D Meitert (Ge) br R Neuront (Ger) 6-2 1-0 rec
Girl's Semi-Finals A Reothwoop bt B Heiwig (Aust 6-4 6-3, E Baltacha bt A Barres
2-0 7-6 8-2,
LYA MOMEN'S PUTURES TOURNAMENT (Birneystam): Singles final J
Larrow (Rus) bt 8 Sruts (Hol) 7-5 8-3, Deer

Lurost (Rirmingham): Studen Final J Lurost (Rus) of B Buth (Holl) 7-5 8-3. Doubles Final: 5 De Beer (SA) & K De Weille (Holl) to A Bachmann (Ger) & M Michalache (Rom) 6-4 6-1

pann 6-4 6-1 LTA MEN'S FUTURES (Chigwelf): Semi-flaats: N Tunford (Swe) or G Eseneer (Bel 6-2 3-8 7-6.) Knowle (Aut) bt A Vinciguerra (Swe) 8-1 8-1

Goulding, Lenunhan, Loughlin, Sturm, Wright, Goals Goulding 10, Cook, Swinton: Tries Stazicker, (2,277)

Hunslet 110) 10 St Helens 114) 40. Hunslet: Tries Farnowna. Goals Fictcher 3. St Helens: Tries Sculthor-pe 2. Stewart 2. Barrow, Cunningham, Davidson, Long. Goals Long 4. (2,200)

remander free FTVE-YEAR STATISTICS (ELEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 29-63 (46%), J Jenkins 14-76 (78-%), T McGovern 12-57 (21%), R Rowe 12-99 (13.5%) (ELEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 33-11 (55%), A Maguire 5-72 (20.5%), M A Fitsperated 15-73 (20.5%), O O'Sullivan 15-84 (17.5%), ELINKERED FIRST TIME: None.

1.50 DYKE CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 4YO 2m 1f

PLUMPTON

1.50 Falcon Sale 2.20 Kissalr 2.50 Doyenne 3.20 Strong Tel 3.50 Chippewa 4.20 Some

GOING: Good to Soft | Soft in places).

If Left-hand, undulating course with sharp bends. Tricky down-till fence in back straight. Upfill run-in of 200yda.

Course is off A275 S of Haywards Heath Phampton station adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members £4; Tattersalls £9 (OAPs £6); Silver ring £6 (OAPs £4). CAR PARIK: Members £5;

Tourist 4.50 Advance East (nb)

FORM VERDICT An ordinary claimer. Despite the text that "Dry McCoy switched to Pateon: Sale at the overnight stage. FAYEZ is thely to be hard to beat in his bid to follow up test months writ. The ground could still be on the soft side for Bermude Triangle.

2.20 HASSOCKS NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 edded 2m 2f

BETTING: 45 Kingsfold Pet, 94 Klaszir, 3-1 North Kittenny, 18-1 Ce-

FORM YERDICT I-UMM YEMDIC!

Kiesair should not be underestimated despite his absence from the track, but the safest choice in an interesting novice chase could well be NORTH KILKENNY, who umper well and will be more at home on these conditions than Kingstold Pet.

2.50 TOTE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) 28,000 added 2m 4f

1 PS-P3 ALLEZ WIJINS (26) (D) N Hernterson 10 Ti 10 M A Pizagerald
1 PS-P3 ALLEZ WIJINS (26) (D) C Nam 5 Ti 10 — C Ratins (7)
2 SERT DARK KESTREL (N) (D) C Nam 5 Ti 10 — C Ratins (7)
3 SUGPO DOYENNE (SS) (D) MS O Hains 5 Ti 9 — C Namny (7) 8
4 SERT MILLIAO/MT (26) (CD) 7 McGoven 8 Ti 9 — C Namny (7) 8
5 O-1405 OLISTAOLIAY (26) (D) PS (26) Mains 7 Ti 5 — A Bettes (3)
8 SEAT STORBHHILL STAG (26) PS (26) PROdord 6 Ti 10 — S Berrough
7 SECOL SURPASE SPECIAL (18) (D) PROdord 6 Ti 10 — S Berrough
8 SEP SALAMAN (PR) (77) O OBran 7 To 12 — R Parrant 8
9 SEP P SALAMAN (PR) (77) O OBran 7 To 12 — A P NeColy
10 PSC4 BOWLES PATROC (27) (C) (D) (SF) J Upscan 7 To 10 J Supple
11 460-PP MELZIG (USA) (20) (OJ J Joseph To 10 0 — J Goldstein (2)
Minimum weight: (CS Ince barticles) weight: Missig 8st 1182
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Necology (8-1 Millirogard, Zattarell, 10-1 Bowles Patrol, Selemen, 11-1 others
10 PCRM VERDICT

FORM VERDICT FORM VERDICT

Alliez Wilgas' latest effort was more encouraging, but the form was let down by the second lost week and does not look particularly solid. Preference is for STORIMHILL STAG, who got licularly solid. Preference is for STORIMHILL STAG, who got licularly solid. Preference is not STORIMHILL STAG, who got licularly solid. Preference is not STORIMHILL STAG, who got licularly solid provention. This step back in distance on drief ground should not be a crohlam.

HYPERION 2.10 Nikita's Star 2.40 Kingchip Boy 3.10 Dick Turpin 3.40 Snowy Mentie 4.10 Misprint 4.40 Nero Tirol

Misprint 4.40 Nero Tirol
GOING: Standard STALLS: Inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: Middle to low best for 5f, low best for 7f.
Fibresend surface; left-hand sharp, oval course.
Course is 3m SE of town and 5m W of Newsk. Roleston Auction adjoins course. ADMISSION: Cub Dt. accompanied underside DS: (QAP marriage of courses Damond Cub Dt. accompanied undertes for see). CAR PARK: Free.
PIVE.YEAR STATISTICS
ILEADING TRANSPIC: M Johnston 42-26 (ESPA) J L Eyre 4:-286 (139-4), S Bowning 40-388 (139-4), F Hotilinshwed 37-390 (85-4)
ILEADING JOCKEYS: J Quality 42-483 (87-a), J Wissyma 7-377 (173-s), C Chemicals 34-376 (95-6), G Duffield 31-224 (138-a).
FAYOURITES: 481-465 (34-s).
BLINKERED FIRST TEME: Zahir (Nicred, 24-0), Gold Chance (44-0).

2.10 NEVADA CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS F) 52,750 added 1m 4f

1-461. NBOTA'S STAR (11) COD M British 6 9.4 G Bardwell 3
2 00-03 POKER SCHOOL (7) C) M R Bosky 5 9 2.W Hubshimon (7) 5
3 0201-0 RWEI CAPTAN CS) COD O'Murey Shin 692 J P Spancer (5) 1
0002 ROBELLTIA & 98 Shin 19 9 0 — P Dobbe (7) 2
5 0000 JULES JEWEL (21) (7) M Chaptan 46 TI ... E Righton (7) 6
5 00025 YES KEEMO SABEE (7) D Show 4 8 TI ... L Newton 4

- 5 declared -SETTING: 11-4 Mikita's Star, 4-1 Poker School, Yes Kaamo Sabas, 9-2 Robelika, 5-7 Filver Captain, 12-1 Julies Jewel FORM VERDICT RIVER CAPTAIN does have his off days, but when on song helps a dar father oper new in the says, our manner and a could pay to take a chance on him bouncing book to winning form in this company. Nikitar's Star faces a stiffigh task at the weights and

2.40 SYRIAN DESERT CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) 52,750 added 7f

that Line, 8-1 Hases At Headerset, Awasome Female, 70-1 colors FORM VERDICT

Eith Hope and Kingchip Boy are among those who will want to take the field along. Perhaps TROJAN HERO can take edventage of any challing for the lead. He too likes to more close to the pace, but may have to settle for a handy position, which could enable him to make his effort off the home.

2334) BE WARNED (12) (C) J France B T 0 ...

FORM VERDICT A competitive little handcap in which Dick Turpin and Shogun stand out on recent form. But it might just pay to side with MRGWAR, who was a shade disappointing at Woherhampton last time, but may be better suited by this track. Although his recent winning form has been in sellers, he was a useful handcapper earlier in his career when trained by Luca Cumani and his present trainer is sure to get the best that remains out of him.

3.40 DEATH VALLEY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added fillies & mares 1m

FORM VERDICT
A trappy event in which it may pay to take a chance with SNOWY MANTLE. She disead pacernalong Rouge stroughout when fourth here a tornsight ago and could wall come out on top the time it ridden with a little more restraint.

4.10 NUBIAN SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) 52,500 added 3YO filles 1m

1 540-4 CARRE POOTER (44) TO Barron 9.4 OPears 2
4 122 GOLDEN SYRUP (11) (CD) P Howing 8.4 Johnn 4
5 OF RICH BALLERINA (59) (C) D Carrol 9.4 R FitzPatrick (5) 3
4 0236-5 CORAL RESP (d) W 6 M Turne 8.2 T Sprains 8.9
5 0256-6 PCRESS PILLY (5) J Existed 6.2 J Table 7
8 04000 TISALLHARPENING (14) T J Naughton 8.2 J Warner 8
7 0056-6 MARTINA RESLLY (5) Mrs 8 Warng 6.12 G Barderoll 5
8 24083 MISPRANT (5) E Wheels 8.2 S Carson (7) 1.8
8 24083 MISPRANT (5) E Wheels 8.2 S Carson (7) 1.8
8 ETTING 7.4 Rich Ballerina, 3-1 Carrie Poots, 4-1 Golden Syrup, 7-1 Ipcress (Rity, 5-1 Misprint, 20-1 Carrie Poots, 4-1 Golden Syrup, 7-1
PCRESS (Rity, 5-1 Misprint, 20-1 Carrie Poots, 4-1 Golden Syrup, 7-1
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FORM VERDICT
RICH BALLERINA'S win in 8 7/1 maiden here in December
was a sound effort and she must be fanced to follow up in
this compeny. Her dam won over mind, so this longer tips should
not be a problem and she is taken to score from ipperess Filly.

4.40 SAHARA HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 3YO 6f

FORM VERDICT
NICHOLAS MISTRESS may have been a shade lucky to best.
Royal Preview (who missed the break) as Lingfleid last week.
But sith each previously run a very creditable second to Weet
UThere in a Wokerhampton sales. She is clearly in good heart
and is taken to score from Nero Tirol.

SWIMMING

WORLD CUP SHORT-COURSE EVENT
(Ghagow, GB unless stated) Ment Son
backstroke: 1 5 Thelole (Ger) 24 85: 2 7
Karlo (Croa) 25.51; 3 M Siembide (Pol)
25.31, Som branststroke: 1 V Znu (Chi
27.84, 5 D Ment 28.41, 6 A Whitehead
28.45, Som batterffg: 1 M Millosevic
(Croa) 23.77, 100m Individual madley;
15 Zucket (US) 55.72, 2 J Hickman 56,14,
3 N Poole 56 87, S I Edmond 57,23, 100m
breaststroke: 1 G Borges (Bra) 47.52, 55 Brind
49.67 T00m backstroke: 1 5 Theloke
(Ger) 53.46, 5 N Wiley 56.37, 100m
breaststroke: 1 F de Burghgravre (Bel)
1500 04: 2 J Kruppa (Ger) 100.71; 3 Z V
(China) 1:00.71, 100m breaststroke: 1 H de Burghgravre
(Bel)
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(China) 1:00.71, 100m breaststroke: 1 H de Burghgravre
1500 04: 2 J Kruppa (Ger)
1500 04: 2 J K

MARATHON

33sec, only 28 seconds outside the world best recorded by the Brazilian Ronaldo da Costa in Berlin last

SWEDISH RALLY (Karstrad) Final resides: 1 7 Makinen (Fin) Mirosuberu 3hr 79min 15 Gosc: 2 C Solinz (5p) Dyora +18 1 behind: 3 7 Radstrom (5we) Ford +37.8, 4 D Mort (Fr) Isvota +40.3; 5 R Burns (58) Subaru +53.

SWALEC CUP State-round draws Aber-aron v Cardiff, Blackwood v Tredegar, Brid-gend v Swarssa. Caerphilly v Ebbw Vale, Cross Keys v Tondu, Llanelli v Llanhilleth, Pontypool v Neath. Pontypridd v Bonymean (Ties to be played 27 Feb).

SNOOKER

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP FOURTH ROUND (SATURDAY)

Featherstone Lions (0) 6 Hallfax (40) 74. Featherstone: Tries Roberts. Goats Frankland. Hallfax: Tries Mer-cet 3, Bloem 2, Holroyd 2, Clark, Clinch, Gibson, Moana, Pinkney, Sker-rett, Goals Holroyd 11, (1,533) Leigh MR (0) O Hull Mingscon Rovers 120) 52. Hull KR: Tries P Fletcher 3, Wray 3, Gene. Gray, Hughes, R Smith. Goals Gray 6, (1,317) Salford (2) 16 Sheffield (4) 6: Sel-ford: Tries Martin, Smith. Goals Blakeley 4. Sheffield: Tries Senior. Goals Aston. (2,359).

(YESTERDAY) Barrow (6) 16 Leigh (16) 33. Barrowr Tries Atkinson, Magorgian, Manihera. Goals Holt 2. Leight Tries Ingram 2, Donlan, Fairclough. Hardcroft. Liku. Goals Kentirick 4. Drop Goal Kentirick (1,485)

(1,485)
Bradford (44) 92 Workington (0) 0.
Bradford: Tries McAucy 4, Withers 4,
Lowes 2, Zisil 2, Deacon, Fielden, Mc-Dermott, Paul, Vaikona, Goals Deacon 12,
17,593) Castleford [14] 36 Hull [12] 22, Castleford: Tries Davis 2, Flowers 2, Gay, Orr, Rogers, Goals Tonks 4, Hull: Tries Prescott 2, Baildon, Hall, Goals Prescott 3. (8.107)

Hoddersfield (44) 78 Swinton (0) 4. Hoddersfield Tries Weston 3, Arnold 2. Cook 2, Boughton, Cheetham,

(2,205)
Leeds (13) 28 Wigan (12) 18. Leeds:
Tries Godden, Rivett, Shetidan, Si Häbire, Goals Harris S. Drop Goals Har-ris, Shetidan, Wilgan: Tries Haughton, Rodlinski, Robinson, Goals Farrell 2, Florimo, 118,000) London (40) 64 Dencaster (0) 0. London: Dies Hammond 3, Bradstreet 2, Edwards, Flemling, Smyth, Timu. Toshack, Young, Goals Smyth 10. 12,164) Rochdale (0) 19 York |8) 22 (cet). Rochdale: Tries Coult, R Hall, Hudson. Goels Fox 3 Drop Goels Fox, York: Tries Cain. Deakin, Lambert, Sini. Goels J Benn 3, 1609)

Warrington 116) 50 (0) 6. Warring-ton: Tries Forser 3. Hunte 3. Kohe-Love, Roach, Wilson. Goals Briers 7. Featherstone: Tries Thomson. Goals Chapman. (4,335) Whitehaven 18) 24 Lancashire Lyax (4) 6. Whitehaven Tries Craig Cham-bers, Chariton, Hetherington, Lewin-walte. Goals Hetherington 4. Lancashire Lynx: Goals P Jones 3.

whitnes (8) 28 (14) 20. Wildnes: Thes Briers, Harris, D Myler, Petcival, Save-llo, Goale Salsbury 4, Kelghlay: Thes Ramshaw, K Smith, Smits, Goals Wood 4. (3,003)

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TO DRAWS

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3.20 PLUMPTON NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 3m 1f 110yds

FORM VERDICT I COULD be worth taking a chance on WOODLANDS BEAU.

The selection needs to emprove his jumping, but with a lack of credible alternatives and with his stable in crecking form he should go close. Strong Tel will be difficult to best stay-3.50 DITCHLING NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added filles & mares 2m 1f

E) £3,000 added filles & mares 2m it

// IZOU DEEP C DIVA (47) (D) N Hendeson 7 m 8 M A Pitagenid

05-10 ANS GPIL (58) J Fox 5 m 2 SP ox

0-050 BONNET (35) R Curts 5 m 2 J Leach

F4-32 CHEPPENN (FP) (25) (EF) M Pice 5 m 2 A P McCoy

0 LEA VALLEY DANCER (F-8) J Justons 6 m 2 R Parmat

54 PEASEDOWN TOFANA (51) R Ains 8 m 2 R Parmat

55 PEASEDOWN TOFANA (51) R Ains 8 m 2 R Widger (5)

15 PEASED Y BEACH (20) Mr 9 Fownsty 8 m 2 Min C Townsty (7)

0-310 ROBORETTE (FR) (28) (D) J Noville 8 m 2 S Durack

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SOUTHWELL

Gebrselassie sweeps to world record

THE EMPEROR is back," said the banner here yesterday, "Others off the track." The faith of an estimated 500 Ethiopian supporters was rewarded as Haile Gebrseiassie repeated his world-record breaking exploits of last season in this arena to establisb a new mark for the 5,000m and bring the Bupa Grand Prix to a successful climax.

As the volume of his followers reached maximum, the Olympic 10,000m champion crossed the line in 12min 50.38sec, despite having to weave his way around three

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM in Birmingham

bend. His time, for his 15th world record, eclipsed that of 12:51.48 set last year by Kenya's Daniel Komen, who himself had failed earlier in the day to beat the world 2.000m record Gebrselassie set here

last February.

Jamie Baulch, silver medallist at the last World Indoor Championships, indicat-ed here yesterday that he is in the kind of form to go one better in Maebashi, Japan, next

month. The Welshman won the clear infringement of the rules 400m in 45.60sec, his fastest by Robin Korving of the time of the season.

"I have big hopes for Mae-bashi," said Baulch. "I managed a silver last time and I want to go one better I am not going to say I will win it, but that's what I want."

Colin Jackson's bad luck in the 60m burdles continued as he was beaten for the second time in a week. The 31-year-old Welshman finished second behind Duane Ross of the United States as a race which had already been recalled twice got under way despite suring reaction times registers what Jackson believed was a any competitor getting off the

Korving, apparently exmained near his blocks as the field got away. Ross won in 7.48sec, narrowly ahead of Jackson, who recorded 7.50.

"I definitely thought the race would be recalled for a third false start, said Jackson. Following an International Amateur Athletic Federation rule change last year, starters are obliged to recall fields if the electronie equipment mea-

the gun. But such equipment is not installed other than at major championships.

There were other highly promising developments here for British sprinters, as Jason Gardener ran a personal best of 652 to finish second in a 60m won by Deji Aliu of Nigeria. And John Regis returned to re-establish his credentials by

winning the 200m in 20.50. Regis has bad more time to devote himself to his training following BBC's assumption of the television coverage of domestic events in place of Channel 4, for whom the former

markin less than 0.01sec from world silver medallist worked the gun. But such equipment as a trackside interviewer.

Meanwhile in Arnstadt, Germany, Britain's Olympic bronze medallist Steve Smith, who claimed he had not been offered sufficient money to appear at yesterday's meeting in Birmingham, maintained his promising return from injury with a jump of 2.27m as he took second place in a specialist meeting.

Smith, who jumped 2.24m on Friday in what was his first competitive appearance since badly injuring his neck last July, will be satisfied that he has proved a point to the or- athlete from the Czech Re-

ganisers of the British event. Katharine Merry got the event off to a record start when she regained the British indoor 200m mark from Donna Fraser with a time of 22.83.

Within the hour, the international colleague with whom she shares a training base on the outskirts of Birmingham, Ashia Hansen, produced the biggest triple jump of the season but was still unable to call herself a winner.

The world indoor record holder equalled the 14.76m jumped by Sarka Kasparkova with her final attempt, but the

public got the verdict by virtue of a better second best effort. Komen was unable to

match Gebrselassie's achievement in the 2,000m. The Kenyan was never a serious challenger in a race won by fellow Kenyan Laban Rotich in 1:56.09, more than three seconds outside Gebrselassic's

Maria Mutola failed in her attempt to beat the 10-year-old world 800m record of 1:56.40, but finished with an all-comers' record of 1:58.25.

Janine Whitlock dld manage a record - raising her UK pole vault mark to 4.49m.

Saints turn on the power ST HELENS, Wembley winners

in 1996 and 1997, took time to hit top form at the South Leeds Stadium before eventually defeating Hunslet by a flattering 40-10 margin vesterday.

Saints led by just four points at the interval but Hunslet's resistance faded when the Super League visitors added five of their eight tries with Paul Sculthorpe using his finishing strength to get two of them.

Bradford Bulls chalked up a club record 92-0 win at Workington to stroll into the last 16. where they face a trip to Wakefield Trinity. It was also a record defeat for the First Division Cumbrians, who were already trailing 14-0 by the time secondrow forward Parry Williams was sent off after 18 minutes for allegedly kicking out at Robbie

A hopeless task then became impossible and the Bulls underlined their Super League

FIFTH-ROUND DRAW

Leeds v St Helens Widnes v Leigh Hull KR v London Castleford v York Wakefield v Bradford Huddersfield v Salford Warrington v Halifax Ties to be played on 27-28 February.

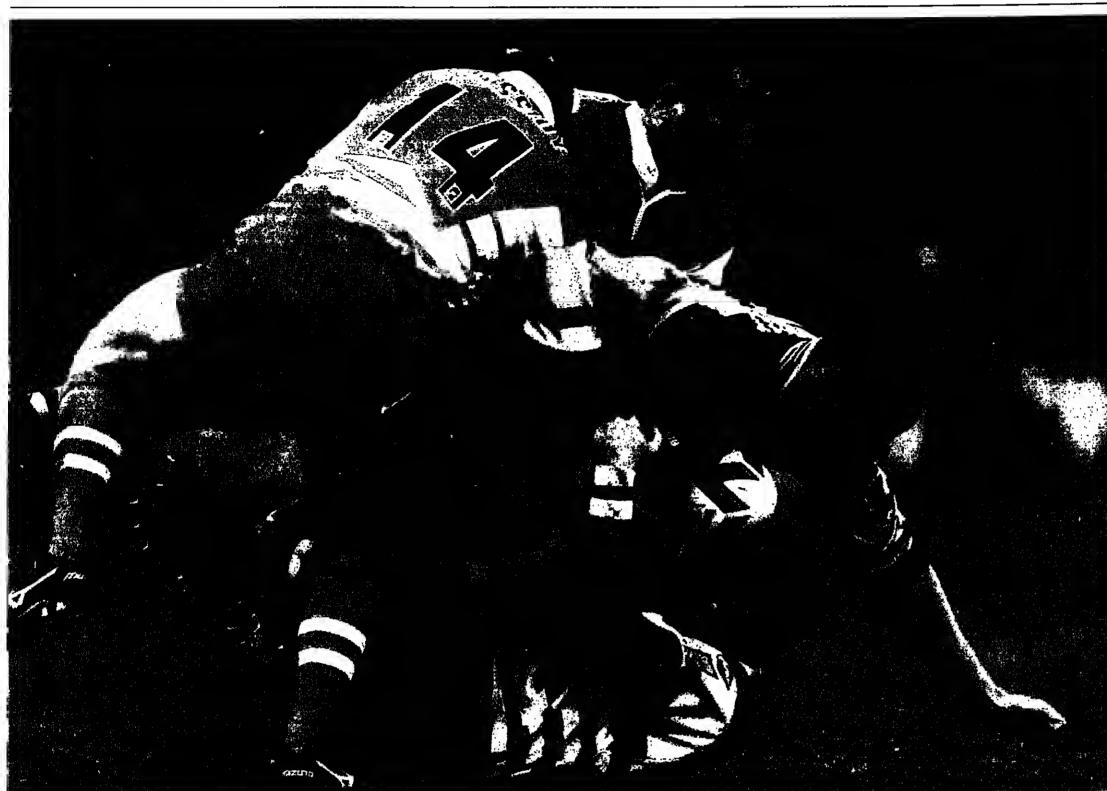
class to score 17 tries, with their new Australian recruit Michael Withers and the former Salford centre Nathan McAvoy scoring

four apiece. Warrington turned on the style to secure a bome tie with Halifax courtesy of a resounding 50-6 win over Featherstone Rovers at Wilderspool.

Winger Mark Forster's hattrick was upstaged by one from new signing Alan Hunte, who grabbed his in a late eightminute burst.

Huddersfield Giants, bottom of Super League last season, enjoyed a 14-try romp against Swinton at McAlpine Stadium. Craig Weston grabbed a firsthalf bat-trick and he was aided by Paul Cook (2), Paul Loughlin, Bobbie Goulding, Danny Arnold and Dave Broughton, who all crossed in an embarrassingly one-sided first 40 minutes as the Giants, under new coach Mal Reilly, eventually cruised to a 78-4 win.

Rob Smyth kicked 10 conversions from 11 attempts as the London Broncos strolled to a 61-0 triumph over Doncaster at The Stoop to earn a trip to Hull KR. Karle Hammond led the way with a hat-trick on his



Wigan need reinforcements to bring down second-rower Adrian Morley during Leeds's memorable Challenge Cup win at Headingley yesterday

Andrew Varley

Self-belief fires Leeds triumph

LEEDS DEFIED the logic that insists that 12 meo cannot beat 13 when opponents are so well matched to knock Wigan out of the Challenge Cup for the first time in 31 years.

That they did so after having their prop forward, Barrie Mc-Dermott, sent off inside the first 20 minutes vesterday, only underlined the scale of their achievement

They have had days at Headingley before when they thought they had caught up with Wigan, but the way they took their revenge for last year's Super League Grand Final defeat yesterday suggested that they might finally be right.

McDermott, the former from the touchline. Wigan front-rower whose career

RUGBY LEAGUE BY DAVE HADFIELD

has been littered with these excesses, went off for a horrible

high tackle on Simon Haughton, after playing particularly well in the first quarter. Before his self-control snapped, he had contributed to a tremendous, in the 10th minute when lestyn Harris and Adrian Morley sent Brad Godden through, Harris landing the first of his goals

Andy Farrell had pulled back

Wigan had barely got into the game before McDermott's

"When that bappens you think that Wigan might steamroller you," said Leeds' coach, Graham Murray. "Fortunately our players didn't believe that."

of the touchline.

two points with a penalty, but advantage when Farrell and the plane from Australia and Farrell converted.

Leeds showed they had no intention of bowing to the inevitable by extending their lead, Harris dropping a goal and Daryl Powell then throwing 100 miles-per-bour start by the long pass that enabled Leeds that brought them a try Leroy Rivett to shimmy through and score when Paul Johnson showed him too much

Harris again converted from wide out, but Wigan at last seemed to be asserting their

Greg Florimo sent Haughton striding through for a try which

Immediately before balftime they looked to be taking control when a sweeping crossfield move, again involving Farrell and Florimo ended with Gary Connolly sending in Kris Radlinski

A one-point lead was surely not enough for Leeds with 40 gruelling minutes still to play, but they scarcely allowed Wigan into the game in the second half.

Their one golden opportunity came after 56 minutes when Jason Robinson came racing out of his own half on the last tackle but Mark Reber, fresh off ished with the luxury of a Wigan

thrown into a high-pressure match, knocked on with three men outside him, any one of a football team in my life," said whom could have scored.

Within a minute Leeds's man of the match, Ryan Sheridan, had dropped a goal and a Harris penalty nudged his side further ahead.

The game was then won by two tries in four minutes. Marcus St Hilaire burrowed his way over after Andy Hay was stopped on the line with Farrell going to the sin-bin for protesting too graphically and Sheridan capped his personal contribution with another short-range effort after Godden had been halted. Leeds fin-

try four minutes from time not mattering in the slightest. "It's the proudest I've been of

Murray, who detected a new depth of self-belief in his side. "It looked like the same Leeds teams to me," said Wigan's John Monie, who has perhaps not picked the ideal week to discuss an extension to his contract. "It was us who were

down on our performance." Leeds' reward for their epic victory is a home tie almost as difficult in the next round against St Helens.

"It's not the best draw, but that's what we thought when we came out of the bat with Wigan," said the Leeds captain, lestvn Harris.

but we will be full of confidence after today."

The tie between Hudders-field and Salford is likely to be the BBC's other televised game on the weekend of 27 to 28 February, with the all Super League clash between War-rington and Halifax the other highlight of the draw.

Leeds: Harris; Rivett. Blackmore, Godden, Cummins: Powell, Sheridan; Pleary, Newton, McDermont, Mortes Anthony Farrell, Glanville, Substitutes used: St Hilaire, Jackson, Hay, Mathiou.

Challenge Cup results,

ACTION REPLAY

Briggs in tears after United's record home defeat



Thirty-eight years ago Manchester United went into an FA Cup tie without their first and second-choice goalkeepers, Harry Gregg and Dave Gaskell. As Mike Langley reported in the Daily Express. United were made to rue their absence.

RONNIE BRIGGS, a little boy BY MIKE LANGLEY lost in a match labelled "He men only", fumbled Man-chester United out of the FA Manchester United

Sheffield Wednesday Cup last night. The floodlit fury of a screaming, roaring whistling 65,000 Old Trafford from 1-1 to 4-1 against United as Briggs let a shot from Alan crowd overwhelmed 17-year-Finney spin out of his arms (30 old Briggs, United's regular minutes), grasped with wild third-team goalkeeper only 10 inaccuracy at a header from Keith Ellis (33 minutes) and, after diving bravely at the toes of Ellis, failed to grab the ball He had a nightmare in a dream match and in seven

dreadful minutes presented (37 minutes). Sbeffield Wednesday with And there were no smiles three goals. The score zoomed in the Irisb eyes of Briggs

ended the slaughter at 7-2, United's worst post-war home

The boy, in white pants six inches too short for his lanky legs, came off the field last and alone - clutching his cap, covering his tears with his left hand and loping with schoolboy awkwardness towards the

In his last stride he paused to look up shyly at the packed stand, expecting, perbaps, assault or abuse. He received

when the whistle mercifully neither Manchester, bless its notes in the subtle, inventive broken, sporting heart, gave him a cheer.

So now Sheffield go to Leyton Orient in the fifth round for London's only Cup tie. Orient manager Les Gore watched this replay and must have been impressed by an allround side that can play rough or smooth.

They needed their toughness against some of the tackles of United captain Maurice Setters and inside-right Nobby Stiles. But these were jarring rhythm of United's attack. 1 am sure they would have won but for this difference - United were shonting against Ron Springett of England, Wednesday only against shattered Briggs of the 'A' team.

Goets: Fantham (3) 0-1; Pearson (4) 1-1; Finney (30) 1-2; Ellis (33) 1-3; Ellis (37) 1-4; Fantham (52) 1-5; Dawson 2-5 (65); Ellis (74) 2-6; Finney (84) 2-7; Manchester Ualted: Briggs; Brennan, Cantwell: Setters, Foulkes, Nicholson; Quiball, Stiles, Dawson, Pearson, Charlton. Charlton, Sheffield Wednesday: Springett; John-son, Megson; McAnearney, O'Donnell, Kay, Wilkinson, Cralg, Ellis, Fantham, Finney.



Briggs: Nightmare game

Wednesday were eventually knocked out by Burnley in the quarter-finals but went on to claim the runners-up spot behind Tottenham in the First Division championship. Briggs played only 11 games for United (who finished a distant seventh in the League that season) and three years later moved to Swansea City. He also played for Bristol Rovers and won two caps for

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It is one of the great mysteries of modern Britain. The appalling dress sense. The lame jokes. The relentless cheerfulness. Surely someone can explain why TV game-show host Richard Whiteley is a cult hero?

he first time I speak to Richard Whiteley that "icon of postmodern irony" for all those who can't bring themselves to simply say he's fab - it is over the telephone, the night before we are due to meet. He's rung and left a message, so I return the call.

"Hello!" he cries enthusiastically on answering the phone. "I'm just eating a Rvvita."

"How ... um ... glamorous." "I shouldn't really," he presses on,

guiltily. "We do get two good meals on Countdown. I'll just have this one and then ooe more.

You go for it, Richard." "Do you watch Counidown?" "Absolutely!"

"Arthur Smith was on this week. He's very good. The audience love him. You'd think our audience wouldn't, but they do. They also love Jo Brand, when she's in teatime mode. They like their bit of rough!"

"We've had Stephen Fry on. He's a big fan of the show. He said to me: 'Richard, I love Countdown. I go home at half-four, put my feet oo a little pout, and switch it on.' Ha! Ha! Now, I've booked a restaurant in Leeds for 12.30pm, OK?"

"Fine. I take it you're s,' your likley house oow, and oot your Wensleydale ooe?"

"Yes. I mostly live in the Ukley one. Wensleydale is just a bolt-hole, really. Americans never know where Wensleydale is, so I tell them it's between the laughs heartly. I imag-leydale. Ha Ha!" He laughs heartly. I imagine much moist spraying of Ryvita at the

other end. I laugh heartily, too. Some jokes are so bad that they're much funnier than those that really are funny, if you get what I mean. It's the way they somehow manage to bypass any kind of true wit that does it. Plus, of course, I'm something of an expert in this field myself. Indeed, I even go on to tell him my dearest wish is for him to appear as a cootestant oo Supermarket Sweep, because then when Dale says: "Where are you from, Richard?", he could say "Wensleydale, Dale", and that would somehow be immensely satisfying all round. We both laugh heartily again. "Wenselydale, Daie!" he hoots between breaths.

"Between Tuesleydale and Thursleydale!" I hoot between breaths. I can tell, already, we are made for each

other. I am besotted before we even meet. I tell my partner and son I might never return from Leeds. "Oh, good," they chorus,

Anyway, off to Leeds on the train the following morning. I was planning on a nice little snooze, hut oo. Richard's got my mohile number, and he's a spectacular

fusspot. So, irritatingly it's: "Ring, ring ... "Have you reached Peterborough yet?" And "Ring, ring ... are you coming into Leeds station?" And: "Ring, ring ... I'm at the restaurant and looking for a parking space." And then, just as I'm walking into the restaurant, the final, triumphant call in this gripping saga: "T've found a meter! I'll be there in a tick! How will I recognise yoo?" Tragically, I am rather unexceptional looking, I tell him. "That makes two of us," he bellows ecstatically. I'm still oot sure.



THE DEBORAH ROSS INTERVIEW

what all this phoning business was actually about. I think it might be just, simply, that he likes to chat a lot.

Certainly, I recognise him from the off. In he trots, as appallingly dressed as ever A black-and-grey herringbooe jacket. A blue shirt. A tie that is not only bold stripes of turquoise, red, orange, green and navy, but is further decorated with a oumber of little brown spots that may be soup, but then again may be gravy. I don't think his clothes are an affectation. "The tie is by Gene Meyer. I like his ties. I get them at Liberty." He is wholly genuine, I'm fairly certain. Plus I just don't think you could set out to be Richard Whiteley.

Looks-wise, he is not exactly a sex god but, that said, if he were he'd be somehow lost to us. He is portly, yes - "I'm all for widescreen TV. Ha! ha!" He would like to order steak and chips, but doesn't think he should. "I was actually a devil with the Ryvita las. night. A devil! I had three more spread with Olivio after I spoke to you." He has florid cheeks and glasses and is one of those men who can make his own hair look tike it isn't. He laughs happily when I tell him this. "I do have this terrible, wiglike hair-line, don't I?" He seems to be immune to insults. Someone, he says, once said he had a face like "a cartoonist's suicide note". Ouch! I say. "Oh oo," he says.
"It's a spectacular description. I've put it
in my publicity material." What is his appeal? Is he a symbol of 'post-modern irony"? Does he know what this means? 'No. I don't. When journalists phone me from Islingtoo and say that's what I am, I say I'm sitting here in Yorkshire and don't know what the bloody hell you're talking about." How would you explain your appeal,

Richard? "I think it's probably because I have no timing and can't deliver lines." Come now, I protest. Don't do yourself down. Think of all the things yoo can do. Think of your tremendous linking ability. Is there a link you're particularly proud of, Richard? "Well, on Countdown we once had a contestant called John Collier, so I said: John Collier, John Collier, the winner to watch!' Now, that was very good.

"I also did an excellent ad-lib the other day. Angela Rippon was on. I said I went to bed at 7pm last night because I'm so used to going to bed after News At Ten. That was a very, very good one." I think I might go back tonight, after all.

Anyway, on to Countdown. Richard's been famously hosting this sort of Scrabble-meets-mental-arithmetic game show ever since it opened Channel 4's broadcasting 16 years ago. "I've said 'hello' 2,700 times." It was not, actually, an instant success. Althoogh four-and-a-half million watched the first edition, only 800,000 stayed for the second. "And that," boasts Richard happily, "is the biggest ratings drop in television history. Ever!"

L students love it "The ben sioners of middle-England love it. I love it. These days, around five million people tune in daily, which makes it Channel 4's most popular programme after Brookside. The success of Countdown is, oo the surface, rather mystifying. It's hardly a high-tech, zingy affair. It's just Richard and Carol Vorderman ("a gorgeous girl who tells me off for being too fat"), a few felt-tip pens, a load of magnetised letters and numbers, an exceedingly nasty pearlised grey set, a celebrity stuck oext to a former Scrabble champioo in "dictionary corner", and a tremendous prize on offer - a set of dic-

tionaries and a Countdown teapot. Still, it's this total lack of sophistication that actually gives Countdown its charm. Just as, perhaps, it's Richard's total lack of sophistication that gives him his charm. He likes chops and treacle pudding. Musically, he is into "songs from the shows". His icon is David Frost, I would say he wasn't overly ambitious. I would say what you see is what you get. I would say the other thing that makes Countdown so great is that it and its host are a sublime

match. The package is just irresistible. Certainly, it has made Richard into something of an icon. And a busy one. He's currently spearheading an advertising campaign for a Japanese beer. He's about to do a pilot interview show for the BBC. Plus, this week, he sets off on a 10-date national tour, billed as Getting Intimate with Richard Whiteley. This doesn't hear thinking about in its literal sense, I know, hut in the other sense it's a "unique" live chat show, with celebrity guests whose names won't be revealed to him until the previous night. "I like to be spontaneous. I like to do interviews off the top of my head.

There's no script on Countdown, you

know. I make it all up as I go along." No!

We order our lunch. He goes for the steak in the end, as do I. The chips come on a silver plate, and are put next to me. "Put them in the MIDDLE. In the MID-DLE!" he cries. All right, all right, I say. Keep your hair-that-is-yours-but-lookslike-somebody-else's on. The photographer joins us at this point. His name is Kipper. "Did you hear about the Birmingham man who went into a cafe and asked for a kipper tie?" asks Richard. The photographer looks at him, perplexed. "kipper lie. Cuppa tea," Richard explains. The photographer forces a brittle little laugh. Encouraged, Richard continues with: "Have you heard about these new corduroy pillows? They're making headlines." He explodes with mirth. I'm definitely going back tonight, I decide.

village just outside Bradford. His father, Kenneth, ran the family business, the Thomas Whiteley textile mill, until he

sold up in the Sixties. His father died five years ago hut his mother, Margaret, is still around and she lives oearby. "She is very Alan Bennett. I told her I was taking a roadshow round the country. She said: 'Oh. do

you bave to go?"" At 11, Richard was dispatched to Giggleswick School, a minor public job in the Yorkshire Dales. "My father went there in the Twenties, and was determined I should go." On the whole, he liked it there. "The food was very good." He had Russell Harty-yes, that Russell Harty-as his English teacher. "He was inspirational. I can hear him now, taking us through Sir Gawain and The Green Knight. We couldn't wait for the next lesson, to find out what happened. He was brilliantly innov-

Richard was born and brought up in a ative. He even had a telly in his room. I remember him coming into the study one evening while we were all doing prep, and saying: Twe just seen this wonderful thing on TV. It's about a street in Manchester and there's a woman with a hairnet in it.' It was

Coronation Street, of course." Harty famously remained a lifelong fan of The Street, and Richard adores it, too. Yes, he misses Hilda Ogden. "I liked it wheo she had to go into hospital for her Very Coarse veins." But he has found some consolation in Natalie. "She has such sexy arms!"

OK, Richard and his sex life. Sorry, hut it had to come soooer or later, and I have kept it to later. Actually, he doesn't want to discuss it. He even made me promise beforehand that I would not discuss it. Occasionally, I do broach the subject. Would you say you weren't the Continued oo page 8



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Food of the future

Sir: In the debate over genetically modified foods, it is truly shocking that even after tobacco. salmonella, BSE and the rest, our politicians and power brokers have yet to learn crucial lessons that should be obvious to anyone with even a rudimentary understanding of social science.

The public is not now going to heed political assurances that only "science" will decide what we are to be fed. After so many scandals, the public no longer believes science to be the incorruptible pursuit of objective knowledge. Still less does it helieve that this or any government gives equal weight to the lobbying of powerful industrialists versus the public interest.

Solutions lie in the things this government talked about before it came to power, but from which it has rapidly backtracked since: a truly independent and credible food agency with comprehensive powers - not the emasculated body rich in industry lobbyists now being floated; the implementation of a precautionary principle that weighs public concerns ahead of vested interests; and, most importantly of all, an immediate moratorium on sales of GM products.

They may as well go ahead with such measures while there is still a chance to salvage some kudos the battle for public sentiment on GM is lost already. Dr NICK FIDDES Department of Social Anthropology University of Edinburgh

Sir: The fundamental question is whether there is any change in the biochemistry of a plant resulting from the insertion of a foreign gene which might lead to the formation of toxic substances. Plant poisons do not all produce immediate toxic effects, but may produce damage when eaten over a long period of time. Until the producers of genetically modified foods can without equivocation say that no toxic molecules can be formed. genetically modified foods must not be eaten.

That people would be wary of GM foods was amply demonstrated by the fact that in order to get GM soya into our foods against our wishes, the Americans deliberately mixed the GM soya with ordinary soya so that it was not possible to separate it. They knew full well that no one would accept the modified soya. Professor AS MILTON Department of Pharmacology University of Cambridge

Sir: As a scientist working in biology and medical research, I am very aware of the limitations of molecular biology. The techniques are very powerful and it is relatively easy to show that the desired aim of a genelic modification experiment has been achieved – ie a foreig expressed in a cell.

However, it is almost impossible to predict deleterious effects of the the procedure and therefore to show that a modified plant is safe to eat in large quantities over many years. The evaluation of safety will of necessity also take many years.

Until we have completed extensive trials, GM foodstuffs should not be used in animal foods. or mixed with other foods. Any GM product should be clearly labelled. Faced with the risk that BSE

may be transmitted through blood donation, the US government is considering harring blood donation by US citizens who have visited the UK since the BSE outbreak. Faced with much greater potential risks, we should surely be banning the import or production of GM crops. Dr MARK WORWOOD Cnrdiff

Sir: GM food may yet prove to be a wonderful boon to mankind, and there may be no cause for concern. But in the light of DDT and asbestos and thalidomide and dioxins and atomic energy and all the other miracle cures for the world's woes that have gone severely sour in the past, not to mention the recent

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Women in the Ring No 1: Linda van den Berg is a boxer based at the Fitzroy Lodge, Lambeth, south-east London

David Sandison

experience of BSE, should we not be extraordinarily careful before unleashing this irreversible genie into our eco-system and food chain? **CHARLES HARVEY** Frome, Somerset

Sir: Has the UK got two different governments? That's the only explanation I can come up with for the ridiculously strict rules being enforced on beef on the bone. compared with the ridiculously lax attitude regarding genetically modified food. JOE MCNAMEE Brussels

Whose benefit?

Sir: Why is the Government targeting single mothers yet again ("Ministers to take harsh line on single mothers", 10 February)? that bringing up children is hard work on behalf of society, the more so if it is done without a partner.

Of course single mothers should be helped with state-provided, quality child-care if they want to work. But why not encourage them with extra child allowance to do a good job if they want to stay at home with their children?

Why also the drive to force people to work who do not have the capability to use the help on offer to find work? Their self-esteem is going to be further undermined by the pressures proposed.

Some 1.3 million unemployed and 2.8 million on disability allowance: these are the casualties of an uncaring, materialistic, "something-for-nothing" society. Ask not how to force them to work for society; ask why society is not working for them. RUTH L BARNETT London NW6

Sir: What - doubtless unconscious - irony that the Government should recognise the enormous debt it owes to unpaid domestic carers almost on the same day that it declares its determination to get single mothers into work. In the brave new world of the

working mother, we are producing a whole generation of children brought up, from the age of six months, in institutions. What duty of care (how absurdly old fashioned that phrase already sounds) will these children owe their parents when they become ill, disabled or simply too old to cope?

No child can ever learn to sacrifice its convenience for others if it has never seen its parents do so. Why should any child, put into a nursery from infancy so that its mother can go out to work, feel any compunction about putting its elderly parents into care when they cease to manage by themselves? As we sow, so shall we reap. Mrs DORAINE POTTS

Cleaning up the Net

lan Docherty (le 10 February) suggests that the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) "simply asks for Internet service providers [ISPs] to remove material" without any

accountability to the public. In fact

Sir: It was interesting to note

that in promoting the Welfare

Reform Bill Alistair Darling

benefits regime", 10 February).

To be consistent, that would

Lottery. I suspect this will not

happen as the Government will

again put popularity before the pursuit of principle.

Sir: Can Yasmin Alibhai-Brown

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JOHN WAINWRIGHT

Potters Bar, Hertfordshire

(Comment, 11 February)

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there are a range of checks and balances which ensure that the IWF only acts on material which would be likely to be found illegal in a UK court.

The material in question is almost exclusively pictures of children being sexually abused or raped on screen. Unlike the vagaries of the Obscene Publications Act, there is not much room for doubt that possession and publication of such pictures is an offence under UK child protection legislation.

The UKISPs, which have consistently upheld rights to free speech on the Net, will only remove material that they agree is potentially illegal. (Like many other organisations, including newspapers, they do have to make some judgement of material that has not heen to court.)

tell us if the reports that we pass to them refer to material that would not be actionable in the UK. Indeed, there are no doubt cases which have been successfully prosecuted which originated with

IN BRIEF

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Sir: Presumably David Bowie

("Write off Third World debt.

stars tell Blair", 11 February)

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music industry were to drop

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more acceptable levels, we

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our own pockets.

PAUL BURGIN

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information forwarded by the IWF. Finally, it is ironic that Mr Docherty's accusation of lack of accountability appeared the day after the DTI and Home Office published the results of an extensive review of the performance of the IWF. This

thorough investigation into our efficiency and effectiveness was conducted by independent management (KPMG) and legal consultants (Denton Hall). Readers can see it at www.dti.gov.uk/iwfreviewanother example of the Internet . : encouraging open government. DAVID KERR

Chief Executive Internet Watch Foundation Oakington, Cambridgeshire

Cruel to be kind

Sir: The Police Complaints

Authority notes with irony

Mr Colin Cridland's letter

(4 February) questioning

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Police Complaints Authority

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Deputy Chairman

London SW1

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Cridland may be reassured by

our press announcement the

day before that a Metropolitan

Police officer will face a charge

Sir: "More than 20 year [badgers] have proved that this method does not work," says Pauline Kidner (Right of Reply, 10 February), but that statement is a serious over-simplification. Culling to the point of

extermination by repeated gassing, as at Steeple Leaze and Thornbury, worked insofar as there has been no further TB in cattle or recolonising badgers there. Furthermore, under the "clean ring" strategy of 1982-5, the number of TB breakdowns in cattle fell to an all-time low of 53 in 1985. After that year, the less

intensive "interim" strategy was used, a practice in which badgers were trapped only on the land grazed by the infected cattle. The proportion of infected badgers thus caught probably never. approached 100 per cent and from MAFF data one can estimate that it was usually less than 50 per cent.

Not a very effective strategy therefore, but it may have had some effect since the higgest recent increases in tuberculous infection have been in areas where These areas - the Exe Valley, Hereford and Worcester, central Wiltshire, Monmouthshire and Shropshire - include those where the national badger surveys have shown the biggest increases in hadger populations. The farmers' call for some control over badger numbers seems justified. **HUMPHREY KAY** Pewsey, Wiltshire

Sir: It's difficult to understand the fuss over alleged attempts by the Sinnington Hunt to increase the fox population by building artificial earths (report, 11 Fehruary). All hunters desire a plentiful quarry species whether they be shooters. anglers or fox-hunters. Shooters go to extraordinary lengths to breed

as many game birds as possible. The problem for fox-hunters is that the farming communities they rely on regard their quarry as a pest. Therefore hunts need to strike a balance between quarry conservation and pest control. Could it be that the antipathy of the farming community is more to do with the hunt's enthusiasm for breeding foxes rather than reducing their number? GEOFF STOVOLD Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Death in Timor

Sir: If the Indonesian government overturns its president's undertaking that East Timor's people will be allowed to choose their own future ("Timor is offered 'freedom' at last". 28 January), will the British Foreign Office notice? I fear not.

My son – TV reporter Michael Rennie – and his Bristol-born cameraman, Brian Peters, were murdered in East Timor on 16 October 1975 by Indonesian troops. José Ramos-Horta (East Timor's Nobel Peace Prize co-Laureate. 1996) informed the Foreign Office of this when, in February 1976, he travelled to London to urge Her Majesty's Government to investigate the newsmen's murders.

The Foreign Office failed to act on that information, or even to pass it to the families. Not until 8 October last year did any Foreign Office Minister ask the Indonesian government to "look into" my son's death. President Habibie undertook to do so. Even though that undertaking

was overruled by President Habibie's cabinet before last October was out, the Foreign Office says Mr Habibie's undertaking still stands. That is a disgrace. Will matters change when, this week, the Australian government releases its new report on the murder of my son and the four newsmen murdered with him? I hope so.

What is at stake isn't just my peace of mind. What is at stake is the future of a small country where, in the words of the General Council of American Rabbis, "no people on earth has seen a greater portion of its population perish under tyranny since the nightmare of the European Holocaust" MIS WILHELMINA RENNIE Ramsey, Isle of Man

Sir: Now that President Habibie doesn't wish Indonesia to be "hurdened" with East Timor's oil wealth after 1 January 2000, you need to be even more wary of Australian propaganda, It is untrue, for example, that East Timor was invaded "when the sudden departure of the Portuguese left a power vacuum" ("Timor hopes rise as rebel leader is freed", II February).

East Timor's Portuguese governor did not flee until 27 August 1975. By then, Indonesian troops had been in East Timor for six months. Their job was to stir up the "civil war" that began on 11 August 1975 so that the full-scale invasion - scheduled for 16 October 1975 - could be presented as a move to "restore peace".

All this was known to the Australian government, which was given extensive hriefings by the Indonesians. So when, after the real civil war collapsed, Indonesian troops murdered two TV news crews at the border village of Balibo on 16 October 1975, Indonesia's then president halted protests from the newsmen's governments. When none came, East Timor's fate was sealed.

The Australian government's "preliminary evaluation" of the deaths of the newsmen – including the Britons Malcolm Rennie and Brian Peters - is due out this week. **HUGH DOWSON** Western Region Development United Nations Association

No faith in music

Sir: Your correspondents (letters, 11 February) are disingenuous when they compare religion to concert-going and mountaineering. What distinguishes religious people is not the funny things they do but the beliefs they hold, and the fact that those beliefs cannot be verified by logic or evidence of the senses.

Religious persecution is a fact of life but I know of no instance where a tribe has attempted genocide on another hecause it did not like its taste in music. Nor do crazed men with hriefcases knock on my door saying I can achieve salvation only by becoming a Wagnerian. TIMOTHY J ROPER Lewes, East Sussex

Who is this 'doctor' who claims to be a 'minister'?

IT LOOKS as if TV and radio have been hoaxed again. It now seems that a man known as "Doctor" Jack Cunningham, who has repeatedly gone on radio and TV over the weekend to talk about the threat of genetic engineering, may not be a bona fide top politician at all.

"We should have had our suspicions early on, 1 suppose," says one duped producer. "He came on air and refused to commit himself to anything. When faced with expert opinion to the effect that genetic modification could harm the immune system, be said that nothing was proved yet. When charged with being in the pocket of big business, he denied it. When asked to put a moratorium on genetically al-tered foodstuffs, he said he did not feel the government could take this step. When..."

Yes, yes, we get the idea. So he displayed no immediate knowledge of the subject and refused to take any responsibility for it?

Yes. He behaved like any normal politician in power, in fact. That is why our suspicions were not So what did arouse your sus-

"Well, as much as anything it was his ubiquity. He turned up on almost every programme you care to name over the weekend, passionately saying the same nothings and denying the same nothings. Sometimes he even telephoned the programme after be had left the studio to make a further point! Well, politicians do enjoy going on the air as much as anyone, but even they have a home life, especially at the weekends, and this "Dr" Jack Cunningham seemed to spend all his time on the air. So we started to smell a rat."

And then they started to inves-tigate "Dr" Jack Cunningham, and the whole truth began to unravel. For a start, his name wasn't Jack, it was John. For another start, he didn't seem to be what you might call a real doctor.

"Oh, you get this from time to time in top politics," says the producer, who would prefer to remain anonymous and employed. "Every party seems to throw up at least one politician who calls himself a doctor, for no very good reason. They're not medical doctors. They may have some DPhil tucked away in the kitchen cupboard, which would give them a sort of nominal right to be called "doctor" - chemistry in Cunningham's case, I be-



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'Cunningham was well known to the Labour Party, but they had no clear idea of what he did'

lieve - but what normal person would insist on it, unless they were very insecure or perhaps desperate to be taken seriously? We always had trouble with the Tories and their Brian Mawhinney insisting on being called Dr Mawhin-ney, and then there's Ian Paisley, hut let'a not go down that particular garden path...

"Anyway, when we investigated further it transpired that although Cunningham was well known to the Labour Party, they had no very clear idea of what he did there. He eemed to attend Cabinet meetings, but had no particular ministry post, except Minister for the Cab-met Office, which doesn't mean anything. When we asked contacts what this could possibly signify. some people said it meant he was the Enforcer, some the Terminator, some the Fixer, all of which suggested that nobody actually knew what he did. Or perhaps of course

that he doesn't do anything. Except hluster his way on to programmes!"
Has "Dr" Jack Cunningham therefore engineered his way into the Cahinet in the same way as he

seems to have insinuated his way into TV and radio programmes? Is he some kind of bogus minister?
"Look," says the duped producer, who really, really, really doesn't want to be named, as it might lead to all sorts of awkward complicain this job as long as I have, and you don't use expressions like 'bogus' and 'scam' and 'another time-wast-

tions at work, "when you've been want to stay there a little longer, you ing performance by that arch-wit-terer Doc Jack Cunningham'. What you do is search out the researchers who were responsible for getting him on the programme and give them a hard time.

"Mark you, there is one other ironic thing about 'Dr' Jack Cunningham. When we were checking him out, we looked him up in Who's Who and we noticed that he gives as his one of his hobbies, 'listening to other people's opinions'. It may be so hut it's not a hobby he indulges in on air very much.

Hmm... But doesn't the fact that "Dr" Jack Cunningham appears in the august pages of Who's Who auggest that he's a genuine politician?

"Not necessarily. After all, Jeffrey Archer's in there as well." Well, there you have it. If you think "Dr" Jack Cunningham is an impostor, ring the YES line. If not, ring the NO line. All calls are at premium rate, so do ask your parents first - or the people masquerading as your parents.

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The merits of letting us know what we are eating

THERE ARE two quite separate dangers from genetic modification of food, which so far bave been widely confused. One is the question of whether genetically-modified food is safe to eat. The other is whether it is damaging to the environment to grow it.

There are no modified crops grown commercially in this country at present, although there are a number of research trials. English Nature, the statutory body set up to advise the Government on the environment, argues that it is too early to say from these trials what the effects will be of cross-pollinating unmodified crops, or what impact modified crops will have on existing animals and plants.

Meanwhile, another statutory body advising the Government, the Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment, last week recommended that modified oilseed rape should be let loose on the British countryside - as if the ordinary kind were not "unnatural" enough. The modified variety has had its genes altered in order to make it "herbicide tolerant" - which means it can be sprayed with more and stronger weedkiller. Regardless of any of the emotive fears about meddling with the DNA of natural organisms, this would be a step in entirely the wrong direction. The whole weight of science and logic is moving against intensive agriculture and back towards balanced, sustainable, low-risk methods of production. And it is backed by rising public demand for organic produce.

The Government should prefer the advice of English Nature to that of the committee which, as we report today, is about to be reconstituted in a way which will reduce its identification with the interests of agri-business.

More than this, however, neither the Government nor the food industry can afford to ignore the irrational element of public fears. There is a deep-seated taboo about "playing God". The widespread horror of cloning animals and people, for example, is out of all proportion to the risks involved. But when it comes to genetically-modified food, the disproportion is not so great. Modified food may well be "safe" to eat, but it is foolish of Jack Cunningham to use the word because no one can be sure. The proteins in modified foods all occur naturally, and there is no known means by which the modified DNA in soya, tomatoes or maize can affect human genes. But this is a field of science in which, as the BSE crisis revealed, the speed of discovery is matched only by the speed with which the widening vistas of human ignorance are opened up. Mad cow disease turned out to be transmissible by means pre-

viously thought impossible, and still not fully understood. Tony Blair shows all the signs of making the same mistake as the previous government. His instinctive reaction when ambushed on the food issue was to say: "We must



not a religion; it is a messy contest between rival theories and ambiguous proofs. Mr Cunningham's insistence that all food has passed "rigorous testing procedures" is beside the point: those procedures cannot test for the longterm effects of doing things to genes which have never been done before.

This seeming complacency has fed the hysteria over "mutant foods" and encouraged calls for an outright ban. As ever, information rather than proscription is the public's best protection. The Government is already tightening up the labelling of food and animal feed which may contain modified material. This will be difficult, because modified and non-modified soya from the United States cannot be separated; it will mean disentangling the ingredients of all sorts of unexpected foods; and restaurant menus could require academic-style footnotes. But at least consumers can then make up their own minds. If the Government had acted earlier, it would not be facing such damproceed on the best scientific evidence." But science is aging accusations of post-mad-cow hypocrisy now.

The quaint custom of being sporting

CAN FOOTBALL - or indeed any sport - be the same after Arsène Wenger's historic offer to replay a football match because be did not think his team's winning goal was "fair"? Its significance is not that England will now have to offer to replay the 1966 World Cup final because the ball did not cross the line - or did it? - for the third and decisive goal. Nor is it, ultimately, that it was a grand sporting gesture in a game supposedly driven by ruthless professionalism and money. The cynics might argue that, as in any bigmoney business, public relations is the line just above the bottom line. Mr Wenger's Arsenal have taken a media kickafter the Hoddle affair. Still, as Glenn Moore argues in bero of the stands: the good sport.

today's new Sports supplement, it was the right decision, The real significance of the Arsenal-Sheffield United game, however, is it drew attention to the quaint custom of deliberately passing the ball to the opposition after the ball is kicked out of play to allow an injured player to be treated. This is what might seem strange to outsiders in

a game allegedly so driven by the need to win at all costs. The same players who pull shirts, trip opponents on the referee's blind side and dive with extravagant theatricality are suddenly transformed into models of tea-party politeness, cheerfully surrendering an advantage to which they are entitled under the rules of the game.

After the publicity generated by Saturday's extraordinary mix-up, footballers will have to get their etiquette right. But why not extend the principle to other games? A bowler could lob a soft one to a batsman who had hurt a ing for "professional" foul play, while the FA, which agreed finger. A tennis player could play left-handed while an oppoto the re-match, urgently needs to restore its credibility nent recovers from a sprained ankle. Welcome to the new

Whatever happened to putting the consumer first, Mr Blair?

FOR A large part of the post-war period, much of the debate within the Labour Party was between "producer" and "consumer" interests - with the producer interests usually winning. Many of the arguments over the big issues were really ones between unions: energy policy, to take one example, was a power struggle between the slowly dwindling miners' union and the unions represented in electricity supply, and by extension, the nuclear industry.

In a sense it didn't matter, after all the Conservative Party was a producer party too, only it represented, instead of workers, the companies which employed them. What made the modernisation of Labour liberating was that it eroded producer (union) influence on the party; it made it easier to draw up programmes which were not so driven by the balance of vested interests which funded and drove the party.

Of course this is an over-simplification so wilful that it borders on caricature. But it will do as a background to the peculiarities of the present row over genetic modification. Principal among these strangenesses is the spectacle of John Redwood, a right wing Tory Trade and Industry spokesman, getting together with Friends of the Earth to put ministers on the defensive over the perceived dangers of genetic engineering to food production.

The Conservative Party projects itself, exploiting arguably the biggest chance of advantage it has enjoyed since the general election, as the champion of the consumers. Labour

of the producers, though not this time of the trade unions, but the big multinationals.

Again this is no doubt over-simple. The Conservative Party has not suddenly freed itself from its susceptibility from the interests of big business, as its performance on issues of food safety alone demonstrated when it was in government. Nor can a Labour government, mure finely tuned to the popular will than any of its predecessors, be impervious to the dangers posed to it by the anxieties over GM Food which are beginning to reg-

ister sharply in MP's post bags.
It's possible, in course, to see the whole row as one of those media frenzies which any self-respecting prime minister ought to show his mettle by standing up to. When you see the endlessly repeated phrase "Frankenstein foods" and "health time bomb" it is time to inject some scepticism into the debate.

Given the divisions between scientists on the issue, it would be a brave layman whn presumed to come down dogmatically on one side or the other. Just because Monsanto faces the highly embarrassing prospect of pleading guilty to charges of damaging the environment this week, it does not mean that it may not, in the long run, be proved right, and that the new techniques will go a long way to

ending world famine. Nor is there the remotest cause for believing that Lord Sainsbury, the DTI minister who deals with the subject. is even slightly motivated by profit in his present job. Scarcely a man who



DONALD MACINTYRE

Genetic modification is planet-changing technology, and there is good reason to pause and examine it

needs to worry about where his next cup of coffee is coming from, Lord Sainsbury is not, it can confidently be said, in government to increase the profits of the companies with which he was associated before he became a minister, including two, Innotech and Diatech, specifically engaged in developing GM products.

And yes, the fact that talented and knowledgeable businessmen like Sainsbury or Lord Simou are attracted to the Labour Party is a reasonable cause for quiet celebration.

But these won't quite do as reasons for toughing out the present argument. For the politics are beginning to look distinctly difficult.

Forget about the fact that the Green Party may have been handed the one issue which could be the motor of a modest electoral recovery in the bryology committee in 1982. Finally, of them.

coming European elections. Mure significant is the fact that the Government is itself showing distinct signs of disunity on the issue.

Behind the scenes, Michael Meacher, the environment minister, for one, is conducting an effective, if fairly lonely, campaign on the Cabinet sub-committee on genetic modification, for an at least partial moratorium of the development of GM technology until there has been time for fuller research and reflection. Meacher is not, even within Whitehall, apocalyptic on the topic; be is no more convinced that GM food is catastrophe on a global scale, than that it is the answer to world famine.

But he is known to be sceptical about the latter claim, not least on the grounds that the so-called "terminator gene" in modified seeds are designed to require third world farmers continually to purchase and re-purchase costly seeds from the biotechnology companies.

Meacher is sufficiently concerned about the independence of one of the key regulatory bodies, the Advisory Committee on Releases into the Environment, to be planning to use the Nolan/Neill guidelines on increasing the turnover in official bodies of experts to plan the replacement this year of most of its members. Instead, the membership will be less tied to the biotech industry; and he is proposing, rather sensibly, that a high-powered Government enquiry into genetic modification be set up, on the model established when Margaret Thatcher set up Mary Warnock's human em-

icise a colleague, it is unlikely that he would declare, as Jack Cunningham

has done, that GM Food is "safe". Michael Meacher has been written off many times before; but he is one of the Labour Party's great survivors. And I suspect the reason that be has made little secret of his concern - he gave forthright evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee enquiry on the subject last autumn - is that he is going with grain of opinion within much of the Parliamentary Labour Party-and, if William Hague has read it right, the mood of much of Middle England as well

A good deal of attention has been devoted to what looks like a cosy relationship between the biotech giants and the Government: some generous grants here, a Labour Party donation there, a total of 81 visits by such companies to government departments. But this is not a corrupt government. Could it be that the problem is not guilt but innocence - innocence, that is, about the claims made by powerful multinationals that anyone wbo stands in their way is simply standing

in the way of progress? Tony Blair's distaste for the nanny state is commendable. On GM ingredients in food, much can be done by strict enforcement of a forthcoming EU directive on labelling. But this is also planet-changing technology, and there is nothing discreditable about pausing for its full impact is examined. There are many occasions on which it is heroic to refuse to play the populist card. This does not look like one

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I would be laughed mit of the room" Gerry Adams, President of Sinn Fein, on asking the IRA to hand in their weapons

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Food is an important part of a balanced diet." Fran Lebowitz. American humourist

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IBELIEVE that I worked for most of my life in the golden age of television. Factual programmes were truthful, entertainment programmes were But we must learn again the cheerful, and seeing was be most important lesson of all lieving. But that was a while ago. Now, it seems, we live in

the age of the lie. We have no way of knowing whether what the television companies present us with is true or false, accurate or totally fraudulent. The bond of trust has been broken.

In Britain, we used to have not just the best television in the world, but the most trustworthy. We can still retrieve it. that programmes always matter more than profits. (Martin Bell) Sunday Mirror

WE HAVE abolished bear baiting, public executions, cockfighting and disembowelling. But we've replaced them with

MONITOR ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

The Sunday papers comment on allegations of faking on daytime television shows

something which, in its own tice. Truth and bes are melded Tv. Trash Tv relies on a bottomless contempt for the au-

way, is equally obscene. Trash into one in a sacrifice on the altar of the great God, ratings. However Vanessa, Trisha dience. Give 'em anything, and their minions try to claim

back in the Middle Ages sniggering and throwing tomatoes at village idiots in the stocks. (Richard Stott) News of the World

in this country: the culture of the great majority, increasingly formed and driven by popular television, and the culture of the increasingly marginal educated minority, which is pretty much indifferent to popular (particularly daytime) televi- Sunday Telegraph they're so thick they'll never no- a fake respectability, we are

sion. The ghastly Oprah Winfrey, queen of the American confessional was sneered at when she said last week that the increasingly violent format of confessional television THERE ARE now two cultures shows will lead to real deaths.

She may be exaggerating, but she has a real point. "Can public taste keep on sinking?" she asked. "Yes, it can - I have to get out." So should Vanessa. So should the BBC.

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PANDORA

AMIDST ALL the confusion over "mutant food", Pandora has emhroiled herself in a good old-fashioned food fight. A group of three friends recently dined in the Harvey Nichols-owned Oxo Tower Restaurant. Two of them became ill after eating lobster, one immediately, the other an hour and a half later. The group were asked to pay the hill despite the obvious distress caused. Subsequent complaints recouped the cost

of the meal, but positive action appeared only after Pandora contacted the office of Dominic Ford, the Food & **Beverage Director at Harvey** Nichols, although he states that compensation was sent out before these enquiries. Coincidentally, Food Alert, the private food and hygiene agency that Harvey Nichols hrought in to investigate the incident, wrote to one of the group immediately after contact with Pandora to "apologise for inaccuracies" contained in a report it had

previously sent out. Pandora's contact with Food Alert had resulted in Gillian Edward, their operations and training manager, putting the phone down. Pandora has learned that Food Alert was unable thoroughly to investigate the incident because the food was thrown away by the restaurant. However, its findings did not

suggest food polsoning.

THE ROLE of Food Alert puzzles Pandora, Can it be impartial to the client that hires it? Gillian Edward told Pandora that the company was "working towards impartiality", but Food Alert's managing director, Peter Christopher, wanted to assure Pandora that it was impartial and that its findings "had to stand up in court". However, there is no regulatory body for private food hygiene firms and Christopher based his professional code on previous experience as an **Environmental Health** Officer (EHO). Unlike an investigation by an actual EHO, Food Alert's

referred to a complaint procedure if the person complaining remains dissatisfied. Pandora put it to Food Alert's MD that anyone bygiene complaint against a restaurant which used its own private firm could hring in an EHO to investigate a complaint. "The

answer to that is

yes," confirmed

findings cannot be

Christopher, swallowing

AFTER THE death of King Hussein, the community of Harrow was in mourning. Not Harrow School, but Hussein's hobby of being a "radio ham" kept him in touch with an even wider community in the Middlesex area. One radio enthusiast, Edwin Benou, tells of Hussein's accessible approach over the airwaves: We talked about all sorts of things - political things and personal things," he told the Harrow Observer, adding, Once he said to me, 'Sorry. I've got to break off. Henry Kissenger's on his way'.'

COMEDIAN RORY Bremner (pictured) seems to have no donht who will be taking over from Paddy Ashdown when he finally steps down as Liberal Democrat leader in the summer. At last week's House Magazine! Channel 4 political awards, Mr Bremner was heard to say to Charles Kennedy: You will be giving me some tapes of you voice, won't you?"

IS FULHAM manager Kevin Keegan going to bow out to Glen Hoddle? Certainly, Mohamed al-Fayed, the Fulham chairman, seems to be engaging in some wishful thinking in his latest Punch column; "Glen Hoddle was a fool and he knows it. It is time to move on. We should forgive Mr Hoddle. It would be a shame if he disappeared from soccer" writes Mo, in a spirit of anticipation.

SOME PEOPLE in the Labour Party will be glad to know that Tony Blair does look back to the past now and again. In yet another exclusive in last week's Doily Mail, Blair's message on welfare reform was: "It really is the end of the something-for-nothing days." Way back in

1988, the then Labour leader, Neil Kinnock dumped nuclear defence unilater-alism by saying: "There is now no need for a for-nothing unilateralism." It seems that "somethingnothing" will at least exist as useful soundbite.

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Don't mention the obsession...

HERE WE go again. Always mention the war, and damn the conse-quences. The British tabloids routinely do it. Most recently. The Sun depicted Germany's finance minis-ter, Oskar Lafontaine, as the ghost of panzers past.

And, just as predictable, comes the German reaction to all of this. Frustration coloured the German culture minister Michael Naumann's outburst in an interview vesterday, when he depicted Britain as the only country which had made "the Second World War a sort of spiritual core of its national self, understanding and pride". So now you know.

But the man who spoke thus is also someone who, shortly after he was born in 1941, lost his father to Hitler's criminal war efforts. So Naumann really struggles on two fronts - getting to grips with his own country's past and reacting viscerally to shopworn cliches hurled at Germany, which belie the great strides forward the country has made over the last 50 years.

However, let me say a few more things about my friend and contemporary Michael, so that the



THOMAS KIELINGER

All attempts by Germans to assess the British national character are counter-productive

debate he has triggered anew can be put into perspective. Naumann is no whingeing German, craving for a few petty squabbles. He is a polyglot player in the global culture stakes, who has worked as a journalist, as a director of various German and US publishing companies, and who has all the qualifying degrees for a professorial position in any German university.

Naumann has made it his hallmark to jolt many time-hallowed beliefs from their bedrock immutability. Germans have received their dose of the Naumann style with a vengeance. He hasn't even shrunk from attacking what he thinks is a monumentally flawed approach to the planned Holocaust memorial in Berlin, which he would like to see turned more into a thinking man's study centre than just a politically correct monument

For Chancellor Schröder to recreate a German ministry of culture was a daring move, in a country where none had existed since 1945. Schröder wants Germany to regain a more prominent voice in the one field which seems pivotal to a country's profile and prestige nowadays - culture. In its widest interpretation, this includes the way we live as much as the films we make, the art exhibitions or sport tournaments we host, as well as the prejudices we manage to dismantle or, conversely, to perpetuate. With Naumann as the man to spin it for Germany, the Chancellor could not have come up with a better choice.

1 may thus be forgiven for dis-agreeing with Michael on what he has to say about the "spiritual core" of Britain's national self. Arguably. the tainted vision of errant anti-Germanness may make anyone's blood tingle with wrath, as Tony Blair can testify. It has not made the task of moving Britain closer to the European Union, in a confident, self-assured fashion, any easier.

But if certain sections of British public opinion make life miserable for politicians and their designs, so all attempts by Germans to assess the British national character at this point in time, can only be equally counter-productive. Naumann inadvertently helps elevate stereotype and clicke to the height from which it should justly be torn down. Furthermore, Naumann's refer-

ence to the Second World War provides incomplete evidence for judging mentalities and character traits. Had there been television footage and such of Napoleon or the Spanish Armada, Naumann could with equal measure decry Britain's obsession with those older foes.

In fact, a German umpire is the least suitable judge to bespeak himself of an island nation which has travelled a uniquely different course from that of any other continental European state. If Britain is fumously awkward towards Germany. it is because the Second World War happens to be the latest in a sequence of events which over the centuries have shaped what Naumann critiques as the British "mythology"

For this to be reoriented towards a ever-closer union with Europe requires an almost superhuman effort at sensitivity and diplomacy, hy all concerned. I can only wish those in charge the very best of British luck. Adverse popular press comments do not a country's vocation make. Nor are they of sufficient gravitas to merit an outburst by a German culture minister.

To Michael Naumann I say - it's the geography, stupid, and there is really nothing you can do it about it except as a German, having rebuilt a nation from the slings and arrows of outrageous failures, to shut up and smile and hope for the best.

The outhor is the London correspondent for the German national daily. 'Die Welt'

Why I believe 'The Exorcist' can do no harm in the home

THE SUBSTANTIAL differences between going out to the cinema and watching films on video at home at least in the minds of the mysterious authorities who govern our lives - are vividly illustrated by the history of the The Exorcist.

This excellent, albeit notorious, film has been regularly available in cinemas since its controversial debut in 1974, when it was given the old "X" rating. But only last week - 25 years later - did the British Board of Film Classification (of which I became president in January 1998, and thus an "authority") classify it for the video market. Cinemas are well regulated in

terms of observing the age categories. While there can be some slippage in films classified at "12" or even at "15" because children do not always look their age, it can be assumed that the "18" category is reliably policed. In other words, the "18" rating in the cinema means "adults only". Indeed I would say "informed adults only" for people must always have some idea of what kind of movie they have come out to see. In fact, the board has not refused an "18" classification for a film in the cinema for eight years, but occa-sionally it has insisted on brief cuts.

When videos enter the bome, bowever, one cannot assume that the age classification will be observed. Even where parents conscientiously regulate their children's viewing. they cannot control what their young ones may see at their friends'. Like television, where viewers often have no idea what to expect as they move from one channel to another videos can be carelessly picked up and played. Both television and videos can have the quality of being unbidden.

On the other hand, the board does not assume that every 12-year-old, for instance, will wish to watch every "18" video that his or her par-



WHITTAM **SMITH**

The film was found so frightening when it was first shown that some young women fainted

ents may rent. That depends much more upon the subject matter, the board carries out its work on behalf style and the actors.

In the case of The Exorcist, which we classified at "18", the board made two assumptions: that so famous is the title, most kids would want to see it; and that many parents are aware of the film's reputation and that they would take such precautions as they might think to be appropriate.

There is also an enormous difthe two markets, and this has an impact on the way they are regulated. Films made for the cinema, rather than directly for the video market. are expensive to produce and to promote, and the board receives about 400 a year for classification. The bulk of them have wide appeal.

But the board is sent about 4,000 videos each year. Only about a tenth of these will have been in the cinema; the rest are cheaply produced. solely for video rental and often serve niche markets. If the cinema is of both Houses of Parliament con- winter, or at the cinema.

still a bit like the theatre, the video market resembles book publishing with a similar ability to satisfy small interest groups.

The majority of these are unexceptional. But among the interest groups, one is pretty big - the buyers of so-called "adult" or pornographic movies, in turn dividing into heterosexual or gay, and subdividing again into specific sexual activities. Alongside explicit sex, there is also a niche market which relishes violence on screen, and, of course, often sex and violence are combined.

These two aspects of the video market - the fact that videos come into the home and that some will be more sexually explicit or more violent than is generally so in the cinema - explain why the legislation governing the classification of videos is much stricter and more precise.

As far as the cinema goes, the of local anthorities, which are able to insist that local cinemas observe the board's classification decisions. Our legal duties are limited to making sure that works are not classified that would breach the Obscene Publication Acts, or which would infringe the Protection of Children Act (that makes it a crime to produce or publish indecent photographs of a child), or which would break the preference between the economics of war law which forbids any scene where animals were treated cruelly in the making of it.

> Recently, too, the European Convention on Human Rights has been made part of English law and with it, Article 10, which guarantees the right to freedom of expression.

While all this legislation applies equally to videos, there is an extra consideration - the Video Recordings Act. This has been amended twice since it was first placed on the Statute Book in 1984. Some members



Before the Video Recordings Act was passed in 1984, The Exorcist' had already been available on tape

tinue to wonder whether it is sufficiently effective.

At its centre is the notion of "harm" - harm to those likely to view fear can be harmful in the sense of the video and harm to society permanent psychological damage. through the behaviour of those viewers afterwards. And it singles out five activities as being potentially harmful - criminal behaviour, the use of illegal drugs; violent behaviour or incidents; horrific behaviour or incidents, and buman sexual activity.

The Exercist contains scenes of violence and sex, but it is not these which prevented video classification for so long. The film, with its treatment of demonic possession, was found so frightening when it was first shown that some young women fainted. That has been the problem.

On the other hand, to be terrified by a piece of fiction, whether a book, a play, a television production or a film is not necessarily to be harmed. After all, many people in their leisure activities seek briefly to feel alarmed; they pay good money for frightening experiences whether at the fun fair, or on the mountains in

The question which has taken so long to answer is whether The Exorcist's undoubted power to induce You can say that this is an unan-

swerable problem, and I confess that many of the issues which the board faces feel like that, but, nonetheless, have to be resolved. In this example, unusually, we had something to go on. It is this. In 25 years, no cases of psychological damage arising out of viewing The Erorcist have come to light. It was available on video, uncut, in the United Kingdom until the passing of the Video Recordings Act in 1984.

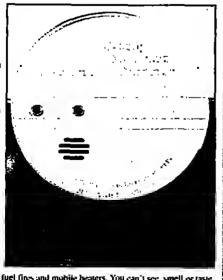
It has been in video shops uncut in Europe for many years without any adverse reaction being recorded. The film was again shown in British cinemas last autumn; there was no bysteria. How do we know there has been no incidence of harm? Of course we cannot be certain; but lobby groups would have rushed to inform us if there were examples. Still, waiting 25 years was a bit excessive - even for the authorities.

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capital letters throughout, but I suspect that the party on whose benches I sit in the House of Lords regards me as refund if not completely satisfied. Offer subject to availability. a maverick at best, and a traitor to its manifestos at worst. It would fair to the Lib Dems,

if you were to regard the following comments as my own. Something has clearly gone wrong in the process of slaying the giants of Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness. I want to pursue what may well be called the New Social Question of those with but a tenuous hold on full citizenship with its attendant rights, opportunities and obligations. If the welfare state has failed to bring them in, what else can be done to create a more inclusive society? Let me look at two issuea of great significance,

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as a LIBERAL, with

fraud and work. Put at its crudest, we must assume that hetween 2 per cent and 7 per cent of all money spent on social security - between £2bn and £7bn -is

Crass cases and the pres-

I AM, if not the Third derline this. The other day, Way, then the man in the newspapers reported the case of a Belgian resident who regularly comes by Eurostar to

> fend such practices, or indeed any violation of the law. The key question is: is fraud really due to greed, or does it actually respond to need?

collect a housing allowance in

Haringey. No-one would de-

Could it not be that many of those who manage to get housing benefits, or jobseekers' allowances, or even disability benefits to which they are not entitled, have no other source of income? Indeed (to enter nearly-forbidden territory of discourse), is not benefit fraud a less destructive crime than

mugging and break-ins and drug peddling would be? What is necessary, above all is to consider ways in which those who have no other source of income can be put in a position which makes it ssary for them to hreak the law.

Conservatives and Labour, and more particularly New Labour, have this in common. that they like to keep people under control Mr Darling says he has "ended the money-fornothing culture", and is still ac-



Work won't solve all our problems

RALF DAHRENDORF From a lecture on

'The Welfare Society' given by the sociologist to the Demos think tank in London

cused by senior Tories of "outrageous laxity". But what do they want instead? In fact, the single most characteristic promise held out by

Mr Blair's government in its social, economic and educational policies is - work. Welfare to work, education for employment, from benefit dependency to the independence of work - these are the phrases which recur in a plethora of green and white papers and ministerial state- Before long, they turn to crime. ments. Work it appears, will solve all problems. It would be tempting to

speculate precisely what problems can he solved by work. Problems of expenditure perhaps? That would be nice for the Chancellor, and perhaps for us all. Or is it problems of social control? Is work the last bastion of a matrix of social control that used to be provided by family, school and neighbourhood which are frequently

no longer available as disciplinary forces? Is the insistence on work part of the same syndrome of creating a more organised, controlled society? It can no longer be assumed that GDP growth equals employment creation; jobless

growth ia a fact. Macroeconomic and supply-side conditions of growth do not by themselves create employment; they may do the opposite. I suspect the most intractable aspect of the new social question is posed by

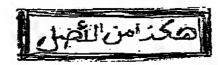
men, especially young men. They expect "regular" jobs, but cannot find them. They begin to reject the entire official society which does not are not the worst imseem to have a place for them. mediate remedies.

or to drugs, or both. They hreed children hut don't want to look after them. They begin to drift, often in and out of prison. We have a problem here which defies even social entrepreneurs.

The real issues of our society are micro issues. They require community action.

The advantages of guaranteed basic incomes for all. whether they work or not, are evident. The twin problems of fraud and work would lose their sting. Short of a guaranteed basic income, there are already tested models of similar intent. Working Families Tax Credits are a small step in the right direction, though they do imply work, and they assume families which, for many, may not exist.

I do not think that we know very much about the society in which we ore living. We have become obsessed with macro-data. What we need is an ethnography of reality. In the meantime, experiments with basic income guarantees and the promotion of social entrepreneurs



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JAN MORRIS

All Europe is getting a little more ordinary, more like the evening crowds in Kungstradgarden

SWEDEN IS one of the largest of the small members of the European Union - or if you like, one of the smallest of the large ones - so its capital seems to me a good place to contemplate the congeries of lesser states, nations and aspirant minorities that will be the foot soldiers of the European confederation, when it happens, for even in the most liberally progressive of armies there are privileged staff officers and poor bloody infantry.

In Stockholm I often find myself thinking about the quandaries through which all those varied communities must struggle towards their European fulfilments. Consider for a start Kungstradgarden, the pleasant ohlong park which runs down to the waterfront in the heart of the city.

On a February evening this is a very picture of bourgeois contentment. Skaters whirl and tumble around a floodlit skating rink to the thump of londspeaker rock. Comfortable, well-wrapped couples, arm in arm, inspect the not-too-modern art in the gallery on the west side of the square, or pop into the Volvo showroom at the top end, or swathe themselves in blankets for alfresco cappuccinos outside the Restaurant Victoria, Nobody looks very rich, nobody looks very poor, there are no bloated plutocrats in sight, as there are certainly no beggars. Everybody looks - well, in the middle.

But at the bottom end of Kungstradgarden, a statue of King. Karl XII of Sweden (1682-1718), bolding a sword in one hand, points with the other peremptorily in the direction of Russia. He is not kidding. Under his fierce dynasty this plump, undemonstrative, comfortpoulace really did make itself one of the great powers of Europe. humiliating Russians, Danes, Poles, Saxons, Livonians and heaven

Karl XII used to be a great hero of Swedish patriots, but nobody seems to take much notice of his grandiloquent statue now. When I asked a Swedisb acquaintance which period of their history most citizens were nostalgic for, he replied without hesitation "the 1950s". It was then that the Swedes first discovered themselves as a modern state, pre-eminent in design, industrially successful, so-



Pro-European Swedes celebrate in Stockholm following the 'yes' vote (of 52 per cent) in their 1994 referendum on EU membership

cially progressive, but still not too far from the little red house among the lakes and larches which is the Swedish sentimental epitome.

They apparently don't pine for Karl XII and his armies storming across the continent. The stupendous 17th-century Swedish ship Vasa, magnificently restored in its museum beside Stockholm's harbour, greatly moves me but evidently does not stir the Swedes to any imperial nostalgia. Swedish soldiers still do footling soldierly things around the guardhouse of the immense Royal Palace, but the palace itself has no king inside it, Karl XVI Gustav and his queen having migrated to a gentler palace out

have pasts of similar grandeur. The Austrians, the Belgians, the Danes, the Dutch, the Portuguese, all had empires once. The Catalans and the Scots have been gloriously martial in their time. The Irish, the Welsh and the Corsicans had famous champions of their own. All once revelled in generations of swagger and their belligerent illusions.

now, power itself is illusory, and the first challenge facing them all is to accept the transience of glory. The Swedes, it appears to me, were long ago reconciled to lost consequence, and the Irish seem willing to abandon recrimination and reproach. Not all their peers, though, have yet swallowed their pride and laid their seductive old ghosts to rest. The Austrians seem half-stuck in the flowery allure of Hapsburgism. The Belgians honour their Belgianness with preposterous ceremonials that are not only for the tourist trade,

smaller the country, the more they

show. The truth is that multicul-

turalism can be easily absorbed in

big countries, but makes small

countries feel less special, and spe-

cialness means a lot when there are

Only yesterday a Swede was

complaining to me that Swedish-

ness is in need of imaging. It has no

universally recognisable icon, he

said, no national logo - no Big Ben or Eiffel Tower or Brandenburg

Gate, no Tour de France or Pope or

Pamplona bull-run, no game specific to itself, no familiar distinction of

custom or habit. Wearing Christmas

candles on your head is not enough.

the Scots go on about Robert the Bruce, the Welsh about Owain Glyndwr, the Portuguese about Henry the Navigator Often one sees in Stockholm representatives of that ethnic abstraction, the Immigrant Community. They may be Turkish, or Kurdish, or Arab, or Serb, or African, or Gypsy, but they are everywhere in Europe, and the

not many of you.

Half the small nations of Europe

For as we surely recognise by

Even the presentation of Nobel Prizes in Stockholm Town Hall gets hardly more than a flicker on the world's TV screens.

He was right in a way. The Swedes have evened themselves out so successfully, and on the whole assimilated their immigrants so sensibly, that they have made themselves more or less unnoticeable. Only now and then does somebody in the Stockholm crowd seize my eye - with a loping walk that seems to speak of snowbound forests, or the sudden lovely flash of a Nordic smile.

There is still a nobility of Sweden, 600 families strong, with a House of Nobles where it bolds biannual meetings, but its effect upon the ambience is minimal. The singlechamber Parliament, too, is a pale, clean, scoured archetype of your non-confrontational, equal opportunity assembly, with not an ec-

So is this how all the little European countries will be, when Europe is confederated? English, the universal language, is already making everyone seem a bit more like everyone else, and the colossal force of economics, the power behind all our thrones, year by year smooths out inherited humps and normalises quirks. All Europe is getting a little more ordinary, a little more like the evening crowds in

Kungstradgarden, But I suspect the little states and nations will maintain their individualities longest: towered over as they are by neighbours of greater influence, they have had to work harder to maintain their Identities.

I always prefer to speak of a European confederation, rather than a federation. I am not at all sure of the technical difference, but I know that the United States regarded itself as a confederation until 1789, when the Congress made a tighter federal union of it. To my mind, confederation is what the small nations of Europe need, and what is already recognisably coming about everywhere from Finland to Catalonia. Nationalist arrogances are softening, history is blurring at the edges, the preoccupations of defence and foreign affairs are beginning to be seen as matters beyond the competence (or perhaps the interest) of the European rank and file.

It means no loss of self-respect. only a series of national redefinitions. Germany and France are the European powers they always were. Britain wavers. Italy, Spain and Greece adjust. But the small nations, from Belgium, Austria and Sweden down, are obliged to find new ways of being themselves. A confederation of Europe can absorb all their devices. Unlike the United States of America, it can sustain

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DONALD DEWAR



The Secretary of State for Scotland responds to a recent article by Deborah Orr

DEBORAH ORR'S vision of the new Scotland is no doubt meant to be very personal. I notice she left some 15 years ago, hut has been back for the weekend. I did not recognise her Scotland in the confused whirl of anecdotes.

I am grateful for the tribute to Scotland's optimism, hut found it difficult to follow her argument. I do not recommend an early return to Wishaw, given her spectacularly unkind description of that town.

She is entitled to her thoughts, but Scotland is not heading for full blown recession if there is not a further cut in interest rates within weeks. Nor can Scotland on any fair basis be described as finding itself "in an industrial slump which is 10 times worse than that of the rest of the United Kingdom".

Bjorn Elgstrand/AP

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More and more, too, the small-

er members of the confederation

can realise themselves, and main-

tain their singularities, in inner

cultural and linguistic alliances - the

Swedes still with the Finns and

Danes, the Celtic countries to-

gether, Catalans with Provençals

"How do you like the Swedes?"

I asked an Italian resident of Stock-

holm the other day. He made one of

those balancing gestures with his

hand, the cosi cosi gesture. "So, so,"

he said. "They're not like us. Their

souls do not sing." Thank God for that, I thought, Who wants Sorren-

The Swedes may have no vibrato

in their hearts, but they have the ice and the midnight sun there, and the

Saab convertible, and Strindberg,

and that little red house among the

lakes, and HRH the Duchess of

Vastergotland. Vive les differences!

and Corsicans perhaps.

to in Norrmalm?

coming Republics.

Vastergotland!

Of course, Scotland cannot be insulated from the world's economic problems, and manufacturing industry does face difficult times. But Ms Orr should recognise that jobs are also being created in Scotland and around 20,000 more are in work than was the case one year ago. Can I draw her attention to the headline in the recent Bank of Scotland report

Demand strengthens in service sector in January. Rate of decline in manufacturing continues to ease" - not quite in tune with her version of the industrial equivalent of Apocalypse Now.

Apparently, in the pubs there is nowt but talk of the "fabulously vocal booing" in protest against job losces that greeted me on a trip to Ibrox, where Rangers play. It's a littie puzzling as I haven't been there for some five months. The score that day was 0-0 and I don't recall any booing, fabulous or otherwise. Still, it's nice to be remembered. Very flattering indeed, but I fear without foundation, even if a splendid piece of whimsy.

A battle between Marx and Freud

CAN FREUD be reconciled with Marx? Interestingly, the ideologues of both superpowers during the Cold War said no, and in the US it was fashionable to use Freud as a weapon with which to "refute" Marx. In the Soviet Union, for 60 years from 1924, the official line was that Freud's doctrine represented both "idealist mystification", and "bourgeois individualism".

It was left to the Frankfurt School, Esspecially Erich Fromm and Herbert Marcuse, to underline the many significant ways in which Marxism and Freudianism converged, and to argue during Gorbachev's glasnost, did the convincingly that the very last belieficies during converged and the unconscious



MONDAY BOOK

PSYCHOANALYSIS IN IMPERIAL RUSSIA AND THE SOVIET UNION BY MARTIN A MILLER, YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS. £20

system for which psychoanalysis could act as a support was capitalism. Only at the very beginning of the history of the Soviet Union, during Lenin's New Economic Policy, and at the very end,

MONDAY POEM

FACING WINE BY LI PO (AD701-762), TRANSLATED BY DAVID HINTON

> Never refuse wine. I'm telling you, people come smiling in spring winds: peach and plum like old friends, their

open hlossoms scattering toward me, singing orioles in jade-green trees,

and moonlight prohing gold winejars. Yesterday we were flush with youth,

and today, white hair's an onslaught. Bramble's overgrown Shih-hu Temple,

and deer roam Ku-su Terrace ruins: it's always been like this, yellow dustchoking even imperial gates closed

in the end. If you don't drink wine, where are those ancient people now?

Our poems until Wednesday came from David Hinton's translation of our poems until Fredhesday came from Source filliants a unstation of Selected Poems of Li Po', published by Anvil Press (£9.95), which this year celebrates 30 years of independent poetry publishing

FREUD AND THE BOLSHEVIKS:

gain a foothold in the USSR. Freud originally hoped that he would find an apostle to take the gospel of psychoanalysts to Russia -someone who would rival Jung in Switzerland, Ferenczi in Budapest, Abraham in Berlin and Ernest Jones in Britain. He had great hopes for Nikolai Osipov, who pioneered the application of Freud's theories to Russian

ipov had two drawbacks. He was influenced more by Jung and the Swiss psychiatrist Paul Dubois, and he had no stomach for a fight. When the Bolsheviks seized power in 1917. Osipov fled to Prague, leaving Russian psychoanalysis in the hands of Tatiana Rosenthal. When she committed suicide in 1921, the movement was without a leader until Sabina Spielrein, one of Freud's most brilliant students and a former lover of Jung's,

literature, especially Tolstoy, but Os-

aiready the Stalinist clouds were gath-Martin Miller's scholarly volume concentrates on the period until 1924, analysing in detail the writings of Bernard Bykhoysky and M A Reisner, and the years after 1953, focusing perticularly on the work of the subtle psychologist Omitri Vznadze. About the Stalinist era there is little to say. Psychoanalysis was declared a bourgeois heresy, incompatible with Marxist-Leninism, and four main reasons

was initially aided by the favourable

First, Stalin's doctrine of "socialism

ment with an international dimension was regarded as "antisocialist". Secondly, sexuality or Eros was seen as an aggressive instinct incompatible with the new brotherly love under socialism. Psychoanalysis was also thought to be "soft on homosexuality", which the Stalinist regime viewed as criminal depravity. Finally, the vulgar Marxism of Stalin postulated an utopia where human misery and conflict would wither away whereas Freud saw them as ineradicable aspects of the human condition

By the 1930s, it had become much too dangerous for any Russian to attempt a fusion of Freudian and Marxist thought. It became the party line that Pavlov was the last word in psychology, and that psychoanalysis should he consigned to the rubbish dump of bourgeois garbage, along with Gestalt psychology, relativity and nantum theory. Discouraged by the failure of psychoanalysis in the Soviet Union, Freud hit back at his Bolshevik critics, accusing them of naivety: human beings were not perfectible and there was a limit to what social amelioration could do for indi-

Freud was nettled by charges that Freudianism was simply a new relireturned to her native Ukraine. She gion and, as such, merely a new opiattitude of both Lenin and Trotsky, but ate for the people. Freud replied that it was Marxism that replicated the worst faults of Christianity: the salvation and the Second Coming, the intolerance of unbelievers and the use of the Inquisition to silence dissenters.

Martin Miller's political perspective on the Soviet Union reads like unreconstructed John Foster Dulles-speak from the 1950s, but there can be no denying his erudition, nor the clarity with which he differentiates his four distinct epochs: 1917-24, the Stalin years, 1953-85, and the Gorbachev age of "openness". The flaw with the book is its dry, disinterested quality. in one country" meant that any move- Miller is content merely to report the lished by Cape



The father of psychoanalysis

various attempts to reconcile Freud and Marx, but he does not seem to find the issue of any intrinsic interest and there is an above-the-battle flavour to his treatment of the Russian psychoanalysts, as if they were specimens in a laboratory. Miller, alas, proves the truth of the maxim that scholars are rarely intellectuals, and American

academics seldom committed.

The reviewer's latest book, '1066: the Year of Three Battles', is pub-

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Meredith Edwards

MEREDITH EDWARDS was one of those Welsh character actors who, during the post-war years found parts in the comedy films largely associated with Ealing Studios. In A Run For Your Money (1949), an affectionate but stereotypical view of the Weish in which a group of rugbyloving miners spend an international day in London with uproarious results, be starred alongside the wild-eyed, dissolute harpist Hugh Griffith and the handsome dimwit Donald Houston who is fleeced by a West End tart played by Moira Lister - the sort of woman, as one collier puts it, who paints her toenails.

Now the Welsh are notoriously difficult to please when it comes to seeing themselves on film and many found A Run For Your Money, which Ealing intended to be the Welsh equivalent of Whisky Galore, too simplistic and, at worst, patronising. The film does have some nice comic touches, however, as when a voice over the loudspeaker at Paddington asks Mr Thomas Jones and Mr David Jones to come to the stationmaster's office, and a horde of leek-bedecked fans answer to these archetypal Welsh names.

It was characteristic of Edwards that, offered a chance to work in Hollywood on the strength of his memorable performance, he turned it down and chose to stay at home. He was never to regret his decision, for he was rarely out of work thereafter.

Although he had no formal training - his first job after leaving Ruabon Grammar School was that of laboratory assistant at the Courtaulds factory in Flint - he had become a professional actor in 1938 when he joined the Welsh National Theatre Company which the quixotic Lord Howard de Walden was trying to found at Plas Newydd, the former home of the Misses Butler and Ponsonby, "the Ladies of Llangollen". This touring group, although it made little headway as a national company, taught him the rudiments of his trade and inspired in him the ideal of a permanent home for the theatrical profession in Wales, for which he was to campaign long and hard, but to no avail.

Edwards's acting career proper began at the Liverpool Playhouse, where he played in Julius Coesar, but it was interrupted in the war when, as a conscientious objector on Christian pacifist grounds, he was set to work as a fireman in Liverpool Chester referendum on the National Asand London, and later drafted into the Non-Combatant Corps, where he nent part in the Yes campaign. entertained the troops with amateur

theatricals sponsored by Ensa. in Palestine. His stage career was notably The Blue Lamp (1950), which

where he played Glendower in Henry IV and less predictably, John of Gaunt in Richard II; of his Churchillian rendering of the "happy hreed" speech in the latter play the London Evening News commented, "After hearing Meredith Edwards's impassioned delivery of John O'Gaunt's speech, every schoolboy who has got it from memory will go back and get it by heart."

Edwards was born, a collier's son, in 1917 in the hill-top village of Rhosllanerchrugog, near Wrexham, in industrial north-east Wales. The dis-trict has a robust Welsh-speaking culture and a tradition of radical politics which left an indelible mark on him. He spoke Welsh fluently, delighting in the local peculiarities of Rhos speech, including its retention of the familiar ti (thou) with which its inhabitants habitually address friend and stranger

After hearing Edwards's impassioned delivery of John O'Gaunt's speech, every schoolboy who has got it from memory will go back and get it by heart'

alike, and he wrote it with panache in his autobiography, Ar Lwyfon Aur ("On an hour's stage", 1977).

The language was at the heart of his patriotism and he worked tirelessly on its behalf, contributing generously to such causes as the Welsh Schools Movement, in particular the Welsh School in London (now at Willesden Green) in the days when the LCC was refusing to fund it. He was also a political nationalist and left-wing member of Plaid Cymru, serving as a member of the Flintshire County Council and standing as the party's candidate in the West Denbigh constituency at the General Election of 1966. During the sembly in 1997 he played a promi-

In demand as a specifically Welsh character actor throughout the 1950s, He spent most of the war years Edwards made about 50 films in all,



hishop of Canterbury, Col John Jones, Merionethshire roundhead; the Rev Daniel Rowlands, 19thcentury Welsh nonconformist clergyman, and James Connolly, leader of the Easter Rising, Dublin, 1916

(1951), Girdle of Gold (1952), The Cruel Sea (1953), The Long Arm (1956), and Dunkirk (1958). In the last, he insisted on delivering the dying words of his character, a Welsh Tommy lying wounded in an orchard, in Welsh. 'Who the hell's going to understand?" asked the exasperated producer Leslie Norman. "I have the feeling that when someone is dying." Edwards replied in his eirenic way, they go hack to their childhood, and if I went back to mine, it would be a Welsh-speaking one". So he expires in Welsh, while John Mills, with stiff upper lip, tells his men they will have to leave him and push on.

Returning permanently to Wales in the early 1960s, although still making forays to London for work with Z Cars, Coronation Street and Softappearances, usually as the affable Welshman with homely features and

Dock Green, Where No Vultures Fly in the village of Cilcain, in Flintshire, so that his children could be educated in Welsh. One of the best theatres in Wales, Theatr Clwyd, was situated nearby and he returned to the stage with great success, particularly in Chekhov's The Three Sisters.

Among his finest cameo parts was as the stern clergymen in Only Two Can Play (1962), based on the Kingsley Amis novel That Uncertain Feeling (1955), who presses the hapless Peter Sellers, a candidate for a lihrarian's job, about his knowledge of Welsh literature. He was much in demand on Welsh television, initially with Granada (where Sian Phillips was his co-presenter) and especially after the advent of S4C, the Welshlanguage fourth channel, in 1982.

He appeared in Welsh versions of resumed after the war at the Old Vic, led to the television series Dixon of a mischievous grin, Edwards settled Bride of Wor (1997), a tragic love-story bighshire 8 February 1999.

set in occupied Poland and directed by his son Peter, now Head of Drama at HTV, both his other children, loan and Lisa, also work in television.

In addition Edwards worked with Amnesty International, CND Cymru, Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg (The Welsh Language Society) and Equity, the actors union of which he was a Life President. In 1996, as part of the celebrations marking the centenary of cinema, he was chosen to unveil the plaque at Rhyd-y-main, where Emlyn Williams's film The Low Days of Dolwim had been made in 1949, an acknowledgement of his contribution to Wales over more than half a century.

MEIC STEPHENS

Gwilym Meredith Edwards, actor: plays by Molière and Pinter, and was born Rhosllunerchrugog, Denby Softly, in which he made regular one of the German generals plotting bighshire 10 June 1917; married | ding went to San Francisco to direct against Hitler in Saunders Lewis's 1942 Daisy Clark (two sons, one Brad ("Treason"). His last film was daughter); died Abergele, Den-

August Everding

ONE OF the most influential directors of opera in post-war Germany, August Everding was also an extremely competent administrator, holding positions at the Hamburg State Opera and the Bavarian State Opera in Munich, where he became General Intendant of all the Bavarian state theatres. In 1984 he was considered for the post of general manager of the Metropolitan Opera, but withdrew when he realised that in New York he would not exercise the complete artistic control to which he was accustomed at home.

At a time when German opera houses were often dominated by "conceptual" directors, Everding was an unashamed traditionalist, which did not mean that his productions were lacking in ideas; on the contrary, his work was always full of original touches, but they were invariably used to further the dramatic impact of an opera. Having begun his career in the spoken theatre, he took it for granted that the plot of a drama, however complicated, should be expounded with clarity, and his opera production were always models in this respect.

August Everding was born in Bottrop in 1928. Too young to take any active part in the war, he studied piano, philosophy, theology and dramaturgy at the universities of Bonn and Munich. He served his apprenticeship in the theatre under Hans Schweikat at the Munich Kammerspiele, of which he became artistic director in 1959, and manager in 1963.

His first operatic production was of Verdi's La traviata, which he directed for the Munich State Opera in 1967. Later that year he metaphorically speaking - plunged in at the deep end, staging Tristan and Isolde in Vienna. This was a very successful attempt at a very difficult opera, and though he was still engaged at the Kammerspiele, offers came flooding in from the opera houses of Europe and America. In March 1968 Everding worked

for the first time in Hamburg, directing the world premiere of Humphrey Searle's Hamlet tlater to be seen at Covent Garden, though not in Everding's production). Later that year he returned to Munich for Carl Orff's Prometheus, which had been premiered some months earlier in Stuttgart.

Then in 1969 he was invited to stage Der fliegende Holländer at Bayreuth, a signal honour as he was only the third director not belonging to the Wagner family to work at the the theatre, cinema and television of | festival during its entire history. With designs by Josef Swoboda, the production was much admired, and the same team returned to Bayreuth in 1974 to stage Triston und Isolde.

Meanwhile in autumn 1969 Ever-

La traviata, and in June 1970 he made his London début at Covent Garden with a production of Richard Strauss's Solome, in which the staging, Andrezej Majewski's marvellously colourful designs, the conducting of Georg Solti and the performance of Grace Bumbry in the title role all contributed to its huge success. Unfortunately Everding did not return to Covent Garden until 1979, when his staging of Mozart's Complete artistic control Die Zauberflöte was equally successful. The pantomime aspects of the opera were much in evidence. while the bogus Egyptian priests became believable 18th-century sa-

vants and men of letters. Everding began his enduring association with the Metropolitan Opera in 1971 with Tristan und Isolde, which was particularly admired for being the first production to use the full technical resources of the Lincoln Center house. He returned to New York in 1976 for Lohengrin; in 1974 for Boris Godunou, a production later seen in both Chicago seriously because of his commitment and San Francisco; and in 1985 for

Khovanshchina. Nineteen seventy-three, when he people's homes, to gather stories of | left the Kammerspiele, was a particularly busy year. Parsiful at the to be told, so much that nobody Paris Opera was followed by one of his greatest triumphs, Die Zauberold people die, it would be awful if | flote at the Savonlinna Festival in their stories died with them." Harry | Finland, which was repeated al-Bowling did his hit to ensure that at | most every year until 1993. At the least some of their stories will live on. Salzburg Festival that year he PETER GUTTRIDGE | staged the world premiere of Orff's De temporum fine commoedin

> In the autumn of 1973 Everding went to Hamburg as Resident Director of the State Opera. The four years he spent there were among the Munich 27 Junuary 1999.

most fruitful of his career Having already staged Salome in Hamburg. Everding chose Strauss's Elektro as his first new production, surprising everyone by his fidelity to Hugo von Hofmannstal's stage directions in the text. This production was taken to Paris.

Next he tackled Khovanshchina. 10 years before he staged Mussorgsky's epic in New York. After revivals of La traviata and Tosca, in 1975 he directed Verdi's Otello, with Placido Domingo singing the title role for the first time. That year a disastrous fire estarted by a dismissed stagehand) destroyed sets and costumes for 54 of the 59 productions in store.

During his last two seasons in Hamburg, Everding staged a superb Parsifal, with brilliant Art Nouveaustyle decors by Ernst Fuchs, which remains my favourite of all his productions. This was followed by Lohengrin and Der Rosenkavalier. After an interlude in Salzhurg for a baroque piece by Stefano Landi, Il Sant Alessio. Everding took over as Intendant of the Bavarian Opera in Munich. A new Lohengrin was followed by Die Zauberflote (the Covent Garden version was a recreation of this) and a curiosity, Das Labyrinth by Peter von Winter, whose libretto, also by Emanuel Schikaneder, is a sequel to that of Dic Zauberflote.

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During his years in Munich Everding directed Dic Mcistersinger with Dictrich Fischer-Dieskau as Hans Sachs: Mozart's Die Entführung ous dem Serail and Mitridate, re di Ponto; Honegger's Jeanne d'Arc au Bucher; another new Tristan; and Orff's Die Bernauerin, staged in the courtyard of the Alter Hof in July 1985 to celebrate the composer's 90th birthday.

In 1983 Everding was appointed General Director of the Munich state theatres, which include the Nationaltheater, the Theater am Gartnerplaz and the Staatsschauspiel. Certain of Everding's detractors saw this as a polite way of pushing him upstairs. Whatever the truth. during the last decade of his career he worked a great deal elsewhere in Berlin, Cologne, Dusseldorf and Zurich, as well as Chicago, Sydney, **Buenos Aires and Warsaw.**

Invited by Robert Satanowski, the Music Director of the Theatr Wielki, Warsaw, to stage Wagner's Der Ring des Nibelungen, with a mixed cast of German, American and Polish singers, Everding together



with Satanowski achieved a magnificent result in only two years, 1988 and 1989. No complete Ring cycle had ever been staged in Warsaw before; the orchestra, the public and many of the singers were totally unacquainted with the work, hut Everding's dramatic instinct and his ability to clarify even Wagner's most ab-

struse ideas triumphed. After his success in Warsaw, in 1992 Everding began to huild up another Ring cycle, this time in Chicago, where the Ring had last been performed in 1930. Spread over four seasons, the production took longer than in Warsaw to complete, but in the spring of 1996 three cycles, designed by John Conklin and conducted by Zuhin Mehta, were performed and rapturously received by the audience. Everding's job was when he died was as artistic director for the German display in the Millennium World Fair, to be held in Hanover in 2000.

ELIZABETH FORBES

August Everding, theatre and opera director and administrator: born Bottrop, Germany 31 October 1928; married (four sons); died

Peter Bowling

HARRY BOWLING. "King of the children - one of his earliest mem-Cockney Sagas", was 57 before he wrote his first novel. Conner Street's War, set in the London docklands at the outbreak of the Second World War, It was the first of 18 bestselling cockney sagas that, like Ironmonger's Daughter, Tuppence To Tooley Street or his last, The Whispering Years (to be published in June), told poignant, nostalgic - but not romanticised - stories of good-hearted ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances in close-knit south London communities.

His books - almost a million copies sold by the time of his death - both fed into and helped redefine the popular stereotype of the 'cor blimey Cockney whose sense of humour would help him or her win through. Bowling drew on his own experiences of growing up during the Blitz and on the Bowling family history - in particular the stories told him by his first mother-in-law, Edie, who was a Bermondsey barmaid until she was 70.

Bowling was a genuine Cockney. which is to say that he was born not in the East End hut in Bermondsey, south east London, within the sound of the bells of Mary-le-Bow on Eastcheap. Born in poverty in 1931, he was the eldest of two surviving

ories was sleeping three in a hed whilst next door his 18-month old sister lay dying in the next room of their tiny back-to-back.

His father had been crippled on the Somme and was subsequently unemployed during the Depression. The family existed with help from friends and neighbours and with the few shillings his father made selling matches and shoelaces in the street markets. His mother used to whiten the steps and hang up white lace curtains in their home whilst indoors the family battled to keep out the mice and rats that came in from the piles of hav outside the carter's next door. When the Second World War

broke out. Bowling's school was closed but he was not evacuated. He and his younger brother ran wild in the streets until they began to attend a local boys' club run by Methodists. Bowling retained a vivid memory of a bright, sunny day in September 1940 when be watched from the bank of the Thames as bombs rained down on the Surrey Docks, setting them and the oil spill on the river alight. His father belped with his early

education and both Bowling sons passed scholarships to Bermondsey



There is still so much to be told'

at 14 to supplement the family income by working at a riverside provision merchant as an office boy. When he was 17 he learned to drive and got a job delivering wines and spirits to West End hotels and private houses - including the home of Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh. (Olivier tipped him 6d. "He was a real gentleman." Bowling recalled.)

He was called up for National Service in 1950 and served in Austria as a driver with the Royal Signals. Central School. Bowling left school After demob be returned to lorry dri-

ving. He married Shirley in 1957. Their first home was a slum tenement block in Bermondsey where their two eldest children were born. Bowling, heginning a lifelong interest in community affairs, successfully led a campaign by the tenants' group to get the block condemned.

He moved his family to a high-rise flat in New Cross, where his youngest child was born. For several years he worked as a milkman, meat cutter, carpenter and decorator but went back to lorry driving for a brewery - in 1966. In 1970 the family moved to Deptford. He took early retirement in 1981 and in 1983 became a community worker for Lewisham Social Services.

His father had encouraged a love of literature, making him aware that "good books were second only in importance to hread on the table". He had written articles for local community magazines and (unpublished) short stories but his ambition was to write a novel set in the Second World War "telling it like it was".

He showed the first draft of what was to become Conner Street's War to his son, Stephen, who had just got his English degree at Cambridge. Bowling later recalled: "After a couple of days Steve said; 'Do you real-

ly want to know what I think? It's rubhish.' So I tore it up, sat down and started again." He spent five years writing Conner Street's War. It was two more years before, in 1987, the newly formed Headline Book Publishing bought it for an advance of £1,500. The book became first a local then a national bestseller. Other bestsellers followed in quick succession.

Bowling's wife, Shirley, died at the end of the 1980s. Later he married again and he and his second wife, Edna, divided their time between Deptford and Chorley, Lancashire. Bowling always took his research

to "tell things as they really were". He regularly visited clubs and old times gone by. "There is still so much knows," he once said. "When these

Henry John Bowling, writer: born ("Drama of the end of time"). London 30 September 1931; twice married (one son, two daughters): died Chorley, Lancashire 5 Febru-

Margaret Broadley



alone I would never have done anything else," wrote Margaret Broadley, recalling her appointment at the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, in 1929.

The major part of her nursing career was spent at the London, to which in her nineties, she went to work on its archives, strap-hanging on the Central Line tube. If she had

THE WARD sister was the not left in her fifties to care for her monarch of all she surveyed - it was the hest job in the hospital and left matron. She was the archetypal senior nurse of the days when matrons were matrons. "Tough but charming with it, and able to get the hest out of people," says Lord Murray, former TUC general secretary, who, with his nurse wife Heather, were friends as

fellow Methodists. Margaret Broadley's father, an East Grinstead businessman who started a chain of gentlemen's out-

through medical school, a bold course midwife, took a sister tutor's diplofor a woman in the 1920s. She, how- ma "because I thought I'd be a betever, opted for nursing, although she ter ward sister with it", and in 1946 subsequently ather regretted not became assistant matron in charge studying medicine. She entered the of the student nurses, making sure London in 1923, because it was will- that every ward and department ing to take her at 20 whereas Guy's wanted her to wait until she was 21.

She had in fact to have over a year's sick leave as a probationer, contracting English and German measles, scarlet fever and diphthe-

where students worked was adequately staffed. She explained the job to the Queen when she visited the

London: "It's a jigsaw puzzle that never stands still."

fitters, was willing to support her riz. But she went on to qualify as a Patients Come First (1980) and Patients Are People (1990), Broadley described with characteristic humour her career at the London. They were illustrated by her own sketches. She also published a book on Nursing and Community Service and a nurses' text-book on bandaging.

A devoted Methodist, Broadley

was serving tea at Loughton Methodist Church a fortnight before she died. A time-capsule in the old In two autohiographical books, church contained a Methodist Essex 5 February 1999.

Recorder announcing her birth and that of her still-born twin. She never married. "The enormous number of men killed in the First World War left a genaration of spinsters for whom there was no hope of marriage," she told a seminar at the London.

LAURENCE DOPSON

Margaret Broadley, nurse and nuthor: born East Grinstead, West Susser 9 June 1909: died Epping.

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Gwen Guthrie

THE AMERICAN soul diva Gwen Guthrie is best remembered for "Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But the Rent", one of the biggest dance anthems of the Eighties, which captured the public imagination with its catchphrase: "No romance without finance. You gotta have a J.O.B. if you wanna be with me." Over the course of a varied career, the disco star contributed to dozens of albums as a composer, lead and backing vocalist and was one of the first recording artists to raise money for the fight against Aids.

Born in 1950 in the suburban town of Newark, New Jersey, Guthrie studied classical music and piano at school. This grounding would stand her in good stead when she later developed her skills as a composer. She was already a rather good singer and, in the early Seventies, joined the Ebonettes and the Matchmakers alongside Larry Blackmon, later the frontman with Cameo Having graduated, Guthrie opted for a career in teaching but kept her hand in by doing jingle sessions for radio commercials singing the praises of Chevrolet, Avon or Kentucky Fried Chicken.

In 1974, she began recording and touring as a backing vocalist with Aretha Frankin. In the studio, she struck up a friendship with a fellow session musician, Patrick Grant, and the pair wrote seven songs for the debut album of the girl-group Sister Sledge They also penned the catchy "This Time I'll Be Sweeter", recorded by the Motown legend Martha Reeves and later by the UK soul vocalist Linda Lewis, and the infectious funk hit "Supernatural Thing" which made the US Top Five in 1975 for Ben E. King.

The following year, Guthrie joined Roberta Flack on a major US tour "She just had a wonderful voice," said Flack, "The sound was very special. What made it different was the resonance. She couldn't hide her voice. It was that kind of voice that penetrated."

Before stepping out of the shadows, Guthrie wrote "God Don't Like Ugly" fissued in 1978 on the Roberta Flack album) and later sang background on Flack's Blue Lights in the Basement album (1977) and several duets that Flack recorded with Donny Hathaway.

By 1979, Guthrie had relocated to Jamaica, where she renewed an acquaintance with Sly Dunbar and Robhie Shakespeare, the legendary rhythm section behind half the island's releases. Robbie Shakespeare recalls:

We first met Gwen in New York in 1978 when she was one of the backing singers on Peter Tosh's Bush Doctor album We asked All the singers to sing individually and, when Gwen's turn came, we were blown away: we thought she sounded like a bird. When she came to live in Jamaica, we nicknamed her "Natty" Gwen. We went on to work with her on a project called Bits And Pieces for Island Records.

The former Wailer Peter Tosh, then on the Rolling Stones label, subsequently recorded the Mustic Man and Wanted: Dead Or Alive albums with Guthrie, who also duetted with him on 1981's "Nothing But Love".

Sly Dunbar points out that "Gwen started Sly and Robbie's rhythm'n'blues career and also kicked off Island's R&B department with her song 'It Should've Been You' in 1982." With Sly and Robbie as producers, the singer cut the rest of her début album, simply entitled

'In the studio, you only had to give Gwen the rhythm. She would sit and draw flowers while she worked on the lyrics'

Gwen Guthrie, and the 1983 follow-up, Padlock (the title track, "Seventh Heav-" and "Hopscotch" were all hits on the R&B charts).

Just For You, produced by Eumir Deodato and released in 1985 was less successful: Guthrie quit Island for Polydor Records and hooked up with Sky and Robbie again for "Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But the Rent". "We laid down the rhythm," remembers Robbie. "In the studio, you only had to give Gwen the rhythm. She would sit and draw flowers while she worked on lyrics. She was wicked fun and had a great personality."

Years hefore the Spice Girls, Guthrie's "Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But the Rent" struck a hlow for girl power and the singer's feisty attitude paid dividends in Britain. The hooky, irresistible single climbed up the charts, eventually reaching No 5 in the summer of 1986. Guthrie was the toast of the UK soul scene, sell-



Guthrie's 'Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But the Rent' struck a blow for girl power

ing out the Hammersmith Odeon in London and the Fairfield Hall in Croydon (with Curiosity Killed the Cat as support) and scoring two further Top 40 hits with a cover of the Carpenters' song "(They Long To Be) Close To You" and the title track from her 1986 album Good To Go Lover.

However, in the American market,

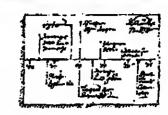
"Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But the Rent" didn't quite achieve the crossover success it deserved and Guthrie moved from Polydor to Warner Brothers. Despite a crafty cover of the Marvelettes' "Too Many Fish in the Sea", her 1988 album Lifeline sold poorly and, even though Hot Times, the follow-up, included a duet with George Benson on "I'll Give My Best to You", Guthrie's time seemed to have passed. According to Benson, Guthrie "made you feel good about yourself. She had a very down-to-earth, down-home type of voice, but she was very articulate."

A versatile vocalist with precise pitch, Guthrie came, however, to rely increasingly on her songwriting income, and session work. Over the years, she sang with a host of soul stars such as Angela Bofill, Billy Griffin, Thelma Jones and Luther Vandross, as well as with Steely Dan and Kermy Loggins. She was also one of the few American artists to understand the dynamics of reggae and recorded a couple of smooth lovers' rock tracks with Boris Gardiner

In 1996, another visit to Jamaica inspired the joyous single "Girlfriend's Boyfriend", before health problems began taking their toll.

PIERRE PERRONE

Gwen Guthrie, singer, songwriter: born Newark, New Jersey 1950; two daughters; died Orange, New Jersey



HISTORICAL NOTES

KIRSTY MCLEOD

The lamentable legacy of royal parenting

THE HOUSE of Hanover, the future George VI, devellike ducks, produces bad parents," Owen Morshead, a former Royal Librarian, once observed. How so? "They trample on their young."

Morshead was George V's librarian. The sailor king has been typecast over the years by forgiving biographers as a flawed but fundamentally decent man, bluff rather than brutal. Yet he was a lamentable parent, at his worst with his sons, whom he alternately scorned and neglected.

The heir to the throne, Ed-

ward, known to his family as David, hated the role of "princing" which was his destiny. His younger brother, Albert Cater to become George VD, had been reduced by his childhood experiences to a stammering, knock-kneed invalid. He suffered chronic abdominal trouble and was plagued by an uncontrollable temper.

George V's inability to curb his own temper terrorised his offspring. The royal children lived on edge. in fear of their father's retrihution. Serious misdemeanours resulted in a summons to the library. The thrashings their father administered there can have done little to foster a love of literature in the young princes though here too George V was fol-lowing established Hanoverian royal practice. Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's beloved Consort, was evenhanded in whipping his

daughters as well as his sons.

The young Prince Albert,

oped a stammer and became as physically incapable of expressing himself as his parents were emotionally uncommunicative. His father. who did not like to see what he considered weakness, was impatient with his affliction. "Get it out," he would bel-

low as the child struggled to speak. The result, in a highly-strung boy, was crippling insecurity. As late as his teens, Albert would sit by himself in a dark room, rather than draw attention to himself by asking one of the innumerable servants to light the gas. An unimaginative, blink-

ered martinet as a parent, George V was nevertheless deferred to and wholeheartedly supported by his wife. Princess May had endured an uneasy childhood with chronically impoverished parents. Her engagement to Prince George rescued her from the shame. She never forgot to whom she owed her magnificent jewellery, her status, the clothes sha adored. She obeyed George, revered him and colluded with him against their children. Had May married some minor German princeling. the natural warmth which some old friends occasionally glimpsed in her might have been allowed free rein. As it was she felt it incumbent on herself to be majestic.

The general opinion was that she was cold and stiff and unmaternal. "I have to remember," she rationalised the

distant relationship she and George had with their children, "that their father is also their King". We shall never know what sort of parental legacy Edward VIII would have passed on. An adolescent case of mumps and his failure to produce children suggest possible sterility. In any case, his own lack of mothering led him to search for this from the women be bedded. At 25 he was addressing his mistress Freda Dudley Ward as his "very own beloved little Fredie mummie". In his forties, his latent masochism 6nally met its match in Wallis

Simpson's need to control. With all the circumstances of his brutal upbringing against him, George VI nevertheless managed to reverse the Hanoverian trend and to become a devoted and solicitous parent. In this he was helped by his wife, who brought with her the memory and experience of her untrammelled Scottish childhood, Together, they established a new, informal, almost domestic royal style - a world of horses and dogs and picnics and games of Snap and Happy Families. And while immensely proud of his eldest daughter, George VI was sensitive enough to remember his own uphringing and ensure that his younger child did not, like him, always feel second-best.

Kirsty McLeod is author of Battle Royal' (Constable,

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Raymond Walleer QC. Philip Gal-

way-Cooper, Stephen Mason (solic-

iter advocate) (Mason Bond,

Leeds) for the appellants; Andrew

Worcester County Council) for

Commrs of Customs and

(Turner J) 25 Jan 1999.

Excise: QBD, Crown Office List

There was no principle to be found in r 19(3) of the Value

Added Tax Trihunal Rules

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Ben Margolis

DURING AMERICA'S squalid witchhunt epoch, the lawyer and civil libertarian Ben Margolis worked fearlessly and eloquently to clear the names of men and women who had been rendered unemployable by the motion

picture industry. Margolis's parents bad escaped the anti-Semitism of their native Russia by coming to New York City. Eventually, they were financially able to move to Santa Barbara, California, where their son decided upon a legal career. He studied law in San Francisco and practised there, later moving to Los Angeles; in both cities, he specialised in cases involving civil rights and labour disputes.

After successfully fighting the deportation of Harry Bridges, the Australian-born leader of the Longshoremans' Union, Margolis gained further attention in 1944 in the controversial "Sleepy Lagoon" murder case. Two years earlier, a large group of "zootsuited" young Mexican-Americans had been rounded up and accused of the brutal murder of a fellow Hispanic near a Los Angeles reservoir nicknamed "Sleepy Lagoon". Margolis accused the police of racism in denying the defendants the right to consult their at-

their convictions.

In 1947, when the Oscar-winning screenwriter Ring Lardner Jur and nine other left-wing writers, producers and directors received subpoenas from the newly revived House on Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), the film-makers badly needed someone courageous enough to advise them. Margolis's name, said Lardner, Just automatically came up if you were involved in a civil liberties case". Despite Margolis's strenuous efforts, the "Hollywood 10", who had refused to reveal their political affiliations, were convicted of contempt of Congress, and duly fined, imprisoned and blacklisted.

In 1951 Margolis and his fellow attorney Robert W. Kenny defended the Communist screenwriter Paul Jarrico when he too faced the HUAC interrogators. While Jarrico was indignantly telling the committee that history would rank the stand of the blacklisted screenwriter against his accusers alongside the stand of Thomas Jefferson against the English sedition laws, Kenny was hissing "Take it easy! Take it easy!" into his left ear, and Margolis was hissing "Give it to 'em! Give it to

torneys, and won an historic reversal of 'em!" into his right ear. (Jarrico was blacklisted until 1968.)

In 1951, Edward Dmytryk, the film director who had been one of the "Hollywood 10" four years earlier returned to Washington and appeared as an extremely co-operative witness. As well as naming 26 people as subversives. Dmytryk told HUAC that be had attended a Communist committee meeting at the home of Margolis, and that the attorney had been the host. After HUAC's chairman J. Parnell

Thomas was convicted of misappropriating government funds and sent to the same prison where two of the "Hollywood 10" were incarcerated, Georgia's John S. Wood succeeded Thomas. Between 1951 and 1952 Chairman Wood conducted an exhaustive ten-part investigation into reds in the entertainment industry.

In 1952 Margolis received a subpoena, ordering him to testify before HUAC. "Til fry in hell before they get any information out of me about my clients," he told friends and colleagues. He stayed true to that vow during this testimony. refusing to answer questions about private political beliefs. When Wood rebuked him for his "contemptuous attitude". Margolis replied, "I feel nothing but con-

tempt for this committee. You have no right to tell people how to think."

In 1958 Margolis and Robert Kenny again joined forces to represent 23 former film-makers who sued the Hollywood studio for \$56m. The two attorneys told the United States Supreme Court that their clients, who had invoked the Fifth Amendment to protect themselves from selfincrimination, had been unconstitution ally blacklisted. The suit was dismissed

That same year, Margolis repre sented Oleta O'Connor Yates, a California Communist who had refused to inform on fellow party members in cross-examination, and had been sent to prison for criminal contempt. Margolis succeeded in having Yates's sentence set aside. The following year HUAC named Margolis and 38 other lawyers as members of "an élite corps' who were supporting Communism.

In December 1974 the American Civil Liberties Union in Los Angeles gave a dinner to honour the "Hollywood 10", Robert Kenny and Ben Margolis. DICK VOSBURGH

Ben Margolis, lawyer: born New York 23 April 1910; married (three sons); died Portland, Oregon 27 January 1999.

CASE SUMMARIES

15 FEBRUARY 1999

The following notes of judgments were prepared by the reporters of the All England Law Reports.

Sentencing

R v Simmonds; CA, Crim Div (Henry LJ, Mitchell J, Judge David Mellor) 22 Jan 1999. Whilst the culpability or criminality of a defendant, particuarty in relation to carelessness while driving, remained the primary consideration in determining sentence, the court was entitled when dealing with an offence which had led to a death to bear that death in mind. Although the decision in R v Krowec [1984] 6 Cr App R (S) 367 was clearly valid in its context and its time, it was not of assistance to sentencing courts operating in the current statutory framework.

David Mason (Weightmans, Birmingham) for the appellant.

Crime

R v Law; CA (Crim Div) (Swinton Thomas LJ, Tucker, Penry Davey JJ) 1 Feb 1999. Section 5(1)(a) of the Firearms Act 1968, which provided that

an offence was committed where a person was in possession of "any firearm which is so designed or adapted that two or more missiles can be successively discharged without repeated pressure on the trigger", did not require consideration of the subjective intention of the designer or adaptor as to the use of the firearm. In construing the section, assistance was not provided either by the authorities or the dictionary definition of the word "design".

Mark Harris (Wainwright & Cummins) for the appellant: Geraint Walters (CPS) for the Crown.

cil; QBD, Div Ct (Brooke L.J. Forbes J) 26 Jan 1999.

Privilege

R v Manchester Crown Court, ex p R; QBD, Div Ct (Lord Bingham CJ, Brian Smedley J) 2 Feb 1999. Neither a solicitor's business

diaries nor his appointment and attendance records attracted legal professional privilege as defined in s 10 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 as they were uot communications made for the purpose of giving and receiving legal advice. In order to determine whether documents fell within the section it was necessary to consider the function and nature of the documents sought. Timothy King QC, Ahmed Nadim (Kristing Harrison, Salford) for the applicant; L Clement Goldstone

QC, Adrian J Farrow (CPS) for the Crown.

Drug trafficking

Harris; QBD, Div Ct (Brooke LJ, Forbes J) 29 Jan 1999. Where cash had been detained under s 42(2) of the Drug Trafficking Act 1994 hut forfeiture had not yet been ordered, the magistrates' court had no jurisdiction to direct its release to enable the accused to meet his legal expenses. In the absence of any statutory power or amhiguity in the legislation, there was no proper basis for extending the magistrates' power to order the release of lawfully detained cash.

Andrew Bird (Solr for C&E) for the commissioners: Joel Clompus (Sounders & Co) for the respondent.

Consumer protection tribunal called on in relation to a dispute between two parties should be able to do so in a way in which it could be seen to be consistent and fair to both parties. Accordingly, a decision of the VAT tribunal to hear appeals concerning two restaurants together, because three of the four individuals involved in the businesses were the same and the manner

in which the tax had allegedly been evaded was similar, could not be impugned. David Southern (Sykes Auderson) for the taxpayer, Eamon McNicholas (Solr, C&E) for the

Thomson Tour Operations Ltd v Worcestershire County Coun-

FRIENDS IS back on form with series five. Free from celebrity cameos, it has real surprises. Phoebe's mink is "the best thing I've ever had draped round me including Phil Huntley", Monica and Chandler's secret romance is known only to Joey - who says hence.

CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE. hence, adv.

WORDS

combines the Old English hen or henne (this) and se (-wards). (It was a briefly an Do not crow. Who among American noun for the fuus knows whence hence? It ture.) Arbuthnot said, "let an offender.

not posterity a thousand years hence look for truth in the voluminous annals of pedants", quoted by Johnson, who calls from hence "a vitious expression, which crept into use even among good authors, as the original force of the word hence was gradually forgotien." Dryden, unlike Joey, was

GAZETTE

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HUGHES: A Service of Thanks giving for the life and work of Mr Ted Hughes OM OBE will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11am on Thursday 13 May. Ham on Thursday 18 May. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply in writing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Roem 13, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3PA. Telkets will be posted on Thursday 29 April. All are welcome to apply for tickets.

Announcements for BIRTHIS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS are charged at \$6.50 a time (VAT exira). OTHER Gazette announcements, which must be submitted in writing, are charged at \$10 a line, VAT extra.

BIRTHDAYS

Mr John Adams, composer, 52; Mr Clive Aslet, editor, Country Life, 44; Sir Nicholas Bayne, former High Commissioner to Canada, 62; Sir Harold Beeley. historian and former ambassador, 90; Miss Claire Bloom, actress, 68; Sir Stephen Brown, former chairman, Stone-Platt Industries, 93; Mr Dan Crompton. former Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire, 58; Mrs Chloë Davis, former chairman. Consumer Affairs Group of National Organisations, 90; Sir Maurice Drake, former High Court Judge, 76; Mr Frank Dunlop, former director of the Edinburgh Festival, 72; Mr Paul Perris, author and journalist, 70; Mr John Greenway MP, 53; Mr Gerald Harper, actor, 70;

Miss Diana Jones, jockey,

Miller, principal and Vice-

49; Professor Andrew

Chancellor, Stirling University, 63; Mr Charles Needham, former chairman, Coalite, 75; Sir Richard O'Brien, former chairman, Manpower Services Commission, 79; Sir

William Reid, former Ombudsman, 68: Miss Jane Seymour, actress, 48; Miss Clare Short MP, Secretary of State for International Development, 53; Mr Peter Squire, former headmaster, Bedford Modern School, 62; Mr John Stainer, musician, 84; Sir Alan Ward, a Lord Justice of Appeal, 61.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Galileo Galilei. astronomer and mathematician, 1564; Louis XV, King of France, 1710; Jeremy Bentham, philosopher and writer, 1748; Cyrus Hall McCormick, inventor of the mechanical harvester, 1809; Charles Lewis Tiffany, jeweller, 1812;

Antarctic explorer, 1874; Henry Mayo Bateman cartoonist, 1887; Graham Hill. racing driver, 1929. Deaths: Nat "King" Cole (Nathaniel Adams Coles), singer and musician, 1965. On this day. the first cargo of frozen meat left New Zealand for Britain, 1882; British troops reached the Rhine, 1945; Britain changed over to decimal currency, 1971. Today is the Feast Day of St Agape of Terni, St Sigfrid of Vaxio, St Tanco or Tatto and St Walfrid

Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton,

LECTURES

Victoria and Albert Museum: Patricia Baker, "Arms and Armour of the Samurai", 2pm. Royal Academy of Arts, at the Society of Antiquaries, London W1: Kathleen Adler, "Monet, Whistler, Sargent: impressions of Venice", 1pm.

ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, attends the Air League's 90th Anniversary Banquet at the Mansion House, London EC2. The Princess Royal, Patron, The Princes Involved The Butler Trust, visits HM
Prison Castle Huntly, Longforgan, nr Dundee, Perth and
Kinross; attends the Scottish Equestrian Association's Scottish Equestrian Gathering and Young Achievers Day at the Gleneagles Hotel, Anchterarder, Perth and Kinross; and, as Patron, Scottish Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, officially opens the Clackmannan District Citizens Advice Bureau at Drysdale Street, Alloa,

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Lifa Guard at Horse Guards, 11am.

Post Gazette announcements to the Gazette Editor, The Independent, telephone 0171-293 2012 (24-hour answering machine 0171-293 2011) or fax to 0171-293 2010. Please give a daytime telephone number.

A car without a Slurpee holder is not a car

I AM assured that this is a true story. A man calls up his computer helpline complaining that the cupholder on his personal computer has snapped off, and he wants to know how to

get it fixed. "Cupholder?" says the computer helpline person, puzzled. "I'm sorry, sir, but I'm confused. Did you buy this cupholder at a computer show or receive it as a special

"No, it came as part of the standard equipment on my "But our computers don't

come with cupholders." Well, pardon me, friend, but they do," says the man, a little hotly. "I'm looking at mine right now. You push a hutton on the base of the machine and it slides right out.'

The man, it transpired, had been using the CD drawer in his computer to hold his coffee cup. I bring this up here by way of introducing our topic this week: cupholders. I don't know if holders exist in Britain vet. but if not, trust me, they are on

their way. Cupholders are taking

over the world. If you are not familiar with them, cupholders are little trays, lids or other receptacles with holes for holding cups and other drinks containers, which are found in multiple locations throughout every modern American automobile.

Often they are mounted on

the backs of seats or huilt into armrests, but just as often they are ingeniously tucked away in places you would never think to look for a beverage stowage device. Generally, in my experience, if you push an unfamiliar button anywhere in an American car, either it will activate the back windscreen. wiper, which will rub with a heavy dragging noise across the glass once every six seconds for the rest of eternity no matter what you do to try to stop it, or it will make a cupholder slide out, rise up, drop down or otherwise magically enter your life.

It would be almost impossible to exaggerate the importance of cupholders in American automotive circles these days. The New York Times recently ran a long article in which it

tested a dozen family cars. It rated each of them for ten eatures, such as engine size. boot space, handling, quality of suspension, and, yes, number of cupholders.

A car dealer acquaintance of ours tells us that they are one of the first things people remark on, ask about or play with when they come to look at a car. People huy cars on the basis of cupholders. Nearly all car advertisements note them prominently in the text.

Some cars, like the newest model of the Dodge Caravan. came with as many as seventeen cupholders. Seventeen! The largest Caravan holds seven passengers. You don't have to be a nuclear physicist, or even wide awake, to work out that that is 2.43 cupholders per passenger. Why, you may reasonably wonder, would each passenger in a vehicle need 2.43 cupholders? Good question.

Americans, it is true, consume positively staggering volumes of fluids. One of our local petrol stations, I am told, sells a flavoured confection called a Sturpee in containers np to 60

English pints of sickly stuff that turns your tongue blue. But even if every member of the family had a Slurpee and a personal bottle of Milk of Magnesia for dealing with the after effects. that would still leave three cupholders spare. There is a long tradition of endowing the interiors of American cars with lots of gadgets and comforts, and I suppose a superfluity of cupholders is just an outgrowth of that tradition.

The reason Americans want a lot of comfort in their cars is because they live in them. Almost 94 per cent of all American trips from home

involve the use of a car. (The figure in Britain is about 60 per cent, which is had enough.) People in America don't just use their cars to get to the shops, but to get between shops. Most husinesses in America have their own car parks, so someone running six errands will generally move the car six times on a single outing, even to get between two places on opposite sides of the same street.

There are 200 million cars in the United States - 40 per cent of the world's total, for about 5 per cent of its population - and an additional two million new ones hit the roads each month (though obviously many are also retired). Even so, there are about twice as many cars in America as there were twenty years ago, driving on twice as many roads, racking up about twice as many miles.

So, because Americans have a lot of cars and spend a lot of time in them, they like a lot of comforts. However, there is a limit to how many different features you can fit into a car interior. What better, then, than to festoon it with nifty

cupholders, particularly when people seem to go for them in a ig way? That's my theory

What is certainly true is that not putting cupholders in a car is a serious mistake. I read a couple of years ago that Volvo had to redesign all its cars for the American market for this very reason. Volvo's engineers had foolishly thought that what buyers were looking for was a reliable engine, side-impact bars and heated seats, when in fact what they craved was little trays into which to insert their Slurpees. So a bunch of guys named Nils Nilsson and Lars Larsson were put to work designing cupholders into the system, and Volvo was thus saved from beverage ignominy, if

not actual financial ruin. Now from all the foregoing we can draw one important conclusion - that no matter how hard you try, it is not quite possible to fill a column space with a discussion just of cupholders. So let me tell you how I happen to know that those fellows st Volvo were called Nils Nilsson and Lars Larsson

Some years ago when I was in

Stockholm and had nothing better to do one evening tit was after 7pm, you see, so the city had long since turned in for the night), I passed the hours before bedtime thumbing idly through the local phone directory and tallying various names. I had heard that there were only a handful of surnames in Sweden, and this was essentially so. I counted over 2.000 each for Eriksson, Svensson, Nilsson and Larsson. There were 212 people in Stockholm named Erik Eriksson, 117 named Sven Svensson, 126 named Nils Nilsson and 259 named Lars Larsson, I wrote these names and numbers down on a piece of paper, and have been wondering all these years when I would ever find a use for it.

From this, I believe, we can draw two further conclusions. Save all scraps of paper bearing useless information, for one day you may be glad you did, and if you go to Stockholm, take drink. Notes from a Big Country by Bill Bryson (Doubledny, £16.99) can be purchased at mojor bookshops or by mail order on 01624 675137

The accepted view of Down's sufferers leading limited lives and dying young is being challenged by new research. By Paul Vallely

Age-old syndrome of prejudice



Kieran Doherty, 22, practises on a dry ski-slope in Belfast for a skiing trip to France

Legal Notices

The Implement Act 1986

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Crispin Rodwell

a touch of the James Bond about him as he stands on his skis at the top of the slope. Or so he announces. "Weeehar!" he shouts as he pushes off. The cry may not be part of the original vocabulary coined for 007, but you get the idea. This was glamorous and exciting. Not the kind of adjectives usually associated with people like Norman.

For Norman has Down's Syndrome. Only a generation ago that would have led to him being shut away in an institution for his entire natural life. But, as the scene on that Belfast dry ski-slope showed last week, quite a lot has changed in a comparatively short time.

The rest of us have some way to go to catch up. Children with Down's Syndrome can be recognised by their slanted eyes, flat faces, fat little bodies and learning difficulties of such severity that they must always be treated as overgrown infants. Such is the stereotype most of us carry, and buried in it are a whole bundle of distastes and prejudices whose harshness we attempt to offset with platitudes about how warmly to physical affection.

It is a view which is as out of date as it is ignorant, as will be shown later this month with the publication of two major new studies of the nation's most common learning disability. Both have taken place within Northern Ireland, the part of the UK with the highest incidence of the condition. chiefly because both Catholic and Protestant communities there have a tradition of large families which means that the number of babies born to older women - the high risk category for Down's - is much greater. All this has also produced a culture which has fostered notable advances in the treatment of the syndrome.

In one of the two studies, Dr Norman Nevin, Professor of Genetics at Belfast City Hospital, has tracked every baby born with Down's Syndrome in the province in the past 25 years to determine the changing pattern of the disorder In the other Dr Chris Conliffe of the Institute for Counselling and Personal Development, has surveyed the entire Down's population in the province - the first time s total survey has been done anywhere in the UK.

He discovered that the incidence is a lot higher than was previously thought, and that people with Down's are surviving much longer than was supposed - he even came across a woman aged 77 with the condition. But Northern Ireland is special in another way. Over the past two decades, a group of activist parents have established a network of support groups under the umbrella of the Northern Ireland Down's Syndrome Association which has profoundly altered the lives of children with the condition. And it has led them to achieve far more than the experts had thought possible.

Norman, and the group of other young adults on the dry ski-slope in Belfast last just had a joh interview on the open job words, not an iota of complaint.

orman reckons there's week, were the pinnacle of that achieve-market. But perhaps the most interesting free skiing holiday in France next weekend.) He and others have recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh gold award, which involved four days unaccompanied orienteering and survival in a German forest. At home, many now in their twenties have found jobs and are preparing to leave home for semi-independent housing schemes. One has passed a driving test and drives her own car.

It is all a long way from how people with Down's Syndrome have been viewed in the past. The condition was first identified in 1866 by Dr John Langdon Down, a supporter of the eugenics movement which saw mental and physical handicaps as a manifestation of degeneracy - a philosophy which led eventually to the entire Down's Syndrome population of Germany being experimented on and exterminated in the Nazi Holocaust, And if more modern reactions were less extreme, there was until as recently as 20 years ago a routine recommendation in this country that such children be placed for life in an institution. A number of factors have changed that. Central to them, according to Dr Conliffe,

'Now that Down's is no longer a disease of early death, we need to think how we provide for this ageing population'

has been the insistence by families that they will look after their Down's children at home. This has not just provided the children with more intensive stimulation. It has also created a network of vocal advocates who continually challenge the medical and education systems.

Thirty years ago, half of Down's children died before the age of five; today, thanks to advances in surgery on the heart and bowel disorders which affect them, 80 per cent survive to 30 and beyond, and most have a life expectancy of over 50. At home, early physiotherapy and speech therapy has been evolved. In education, Down's children have been discovered to have better visual than auditory skills and their IQ can virtually double when measured this way. As a result, their traditional special schools have been augmented, thanks to parental pressure, by the option of integrating them into mainstream schools.

Despite all this, the stereotypes are slow to change. "Tve always tried to educate the general public but I don't think I'm winning," sighed Elizabeth Doherty as she watched her son, Kieran, 23, follow Norman down the dry ski-slope. "Their looks are a barrier they find hard to get over," she said.

Kieran has an NVQ in Retailing and has

ment. (They were practising for a parent- finding of this month's reports are the unexplained clusters of bahies born with Down's in particular areas at particular times. "I'm becoming more and more convinced that external factors might play a part," said Professor Nevin, "Down's Syndrome is caused by an additional chromosome and we know that the chances of this increase with the mother's age. But there could also be an environmental influence. We have looked at a number of things - diet, drugs, chemicals. There could well be some other factor which acts on the eggs of old mothers and triggers it off."

The Post Office has now provided him with post-code computer software to plot his 25 years of figures on a map. "We will look for things like whether there is clustering around land-fill sites, for example, he said. "Clusters may give a clue, though there are so many variables that finding something can be down to luck."

The research could provide spin-offs for the rest of the population. People with Down's Syndrome undergo an acceleration in the process of ageing. By the age of 35. they have undergone the brain changes the rest of the population suffer in old age. op early Ala ease. "If the molecular geneticists can find out what accelerates ageing in Down's." said Professor Nevin, who is also the chair of UK Gene Therapy Advisory Committee, "then we may be able to find ways to retard the development of Alzheimer's for the entire population."

In the meantime, it throws up other issues. "Now this is no longer a disease where you expect early death, we need to think of how we provide for this ageing population," said Dr Conliffe, whose report will propose that senior citizenship begins at the age of 40 for people with Down's. It will also require a reappraisal among social service planners who have hitherto seriously underestimated the number of older people with the condition.

"There is no social service provision to help those who are over 20," Dr Conliffe said. "They leave their peers behind when they leave school so there are social issues. Then their health needs to be looked at with greater intensity, as does their greater incidence of depression. And there is a double jeopardy in the later years - as well as accelerated ageing they have to deal with the fact that their carers are getting old too.'

Meanwhile, those carers in the Down's Syndrome Association are finding new ways of living with the daily reality of the condition. They provide courses in numeracy and money management alongside those in keep-fit, bowling, swimming, gymnastics, horse-riding and five a side gymnastics, norse-riving and tive-a-side football. They also do line-dancing and drama – in which another of the skiiers. Mark, does a mean Elvis impersonation.

"He has a much better social life than I do," said his mother, Elizabeth Robinson, as she watched him take off his ski-boots. She was smiling. And there was, in her

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Richard without a cause

Continued from page 1 marrying kind, Richard? At this, he gives my nose a playful tweak-arggh! - and says: "Don't be a naughty little sausage." I don't know why he's being so coy. As far as I can work out, nothing deeply sinister

or Tantric has ever gone on. He was married, briefly, in his twenties. He then had a relationship with a journalist which led to a son, James, now 11. James lives in London with his mother, and Richard sees him regularly. Do you get on?

Don't be a naughty little sausage!" He has a long-term girifriend, Kathryn Apanowicz, the actress who played Dirty Den's mistress, Mags, in EastEnders, and

don't live together. Why? "You ARE A NAUGHTY LITTLE SAUSAGE!"

I think, possibly, Richard doesn't need to live with anyone. He is always around to laugh at his own jokes. And as they come off the top of his head, it's not like he's ever heard them before. I don't mean this unkindly. I'm not sure how else I mean it, hut I do know I don't mean it as that.

Anyway, he has to go. He's a governor at his old school, and there is a meeting there at 5pm. We part with a lot of big hugs and promises to meet for a drink when he's next in London. I get the train home. "Oh, so you're back then," chorus my

partner and son, enthusiastically. Watch it, I tell them, or I'll tell you s joke about a corduroy pillow. Then you'll be sorry.

There are two messages from Richard awaiting me. One goes: "Hope you got back all right." The other goes: "Hope you got back all right." I phone him to reassure him I got back all right. "Are you having a Ryvita?" I ask when he picks up the phone. "I've just finished the pack!" he exclaims. "I'm not sure what to do now. Should I have a banana, do you think?" As I said, you can't set out to be Richard Whiteley. You just are.

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'We didn't abuse our child'

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Ian Brown, 38, is an independent television producer. Rioch Edwards Brown was a TV researcher before she gave birth to Riordan in February 1995. They live with their son, who is now four, in south London

Rioch

 had lost five babies, so when I became pregnant for the sixth time, I moved into hospital for 14 weeks hoping not to lose the baby. Riordan was born six weeks premature. He was in intensive care and spe-

cial care but the doctors discharged him at 10 days. They were happy with him, and so was I. However, when I got home, my brother asked if had we noticed Riordan'a head was big and how he seemed to vomit a lot. At his six-week check-up, the GP asked us to come back in a week's time to check his head size. In one week his head had grown one centimetre. The GP asked us to return to the hospital at 10am on the following day. We were kept waiting six hours without any treatment and had to return the following day.

Finally, we saw a consultant who told us that Riordan's notes had vanished but that Riordan had suffered a brainbleed commonly associated with premature babies - a subarachnoid. As we were leaving, she said: "By the way, have you ever dropped him?"

A week later, Riordan collapsed and I took him to casualty. They asked me to stay in for observation with Riordan. Three days later, they insisted that they see Ian and me together I thought "Oh my God, this is a hrain tumour." The consultant said: "We've got good news and bad news." I was convinced the bad news would be that he had a brain tumour. She said: "We've had to contact social services, which is standard procedure."

I was waiting for the sledgebammer to fall, unaware that it had arrived. The consultant had now changed the brain bleed to a subdural which she said could only come by trauma and force. I still wasn't registering. Ian said: "Do you mean like a boxer's punch?" She replied: "Yes, or Riordan being shaken and swung around by the ankles up against a hard surface." I could still hear what she was saying but it was as if it didn't apply to us. It was only later when I said I was going home that the social worker said: "If you make any attempt to remove Riordan from the ward, the police will be contacted." I thought "Oh my God, they think I've done it."

Riordan was X-rayed and the social worker asked me: "Where did you learn to speak English so well, and where were you educated?" I



Rioch and Ian with their son, Riordan. 'Sometimes I look at him,' she says, 'and think: whose child is he? The state's or mine?'

immediately thought of how many black male friends have told me that to each other. I said to Ian: "We are when they see a police car coming towards them, they start running. I felt I was in a goldfish bowl and I was was listening. Ian was numb and not

could hear. The social worker said: "If you had a reason for Riordan's injury, it would go much easier for you." But this was something my family and friends used to joke about. I was so careful with Riordan. I treated him like my china doll. I asked them about Riordan's medical notes hut we were told they were missing. We thought: "Dear God, without medical notes, how the hell will we prove our

Ian and I were best friends before we became a couple, and that will always be the fabric of our relationship. When we had to watch one

of our daughters die, we had turned going to lose Riordan." I was full of fear and desperation, and nobody a meeting with social workers, we were told that Riordan would be taken from us. I left the room

social workers. I was in the call box talking to my GP just outside the ward, when a young doctor came no to me and put these ootes into my arms. She kept on walking - she didn't want to be involved - but she said: "Look at the head's circumference at birth." I looked and Riordan's ootes showed that his head was 32cm at birth. At 10 days it was 35.8cm. A growth of

would not collapse in front of the

had exploded in 10 days. I thought: "We are off the hook."

caused the bleeding or what the think?" Ian and I conceived Riordan; screaming my heart out hut no one saying much. The following day, at future holds for Riordan. Eventually, he is our flesh and blood, but he will after two months of dragging their heels, we were allowed to attempt to get back to old life. But we were because I was determined that I left with the legacy of trying to work or mine? through a child protection procedure. We had to pick up the pieces. We wanted to become a family oo steady ground again, hut we couldn't do that. I was totally obsessed with Riordan and frightened of him hurting himself. Meanwhile. Ian and I were trying to understand what we'd been through.

I feel very hurt for heing falsely accused, when all I was trying to do was to be a loving parent and find almost 4cm in 10 days. The notes out what was wrong with my child.

showed categorically that his head I feel that I have been robbed of what any mother takes for granted.

Whenever Riordan gets a hruise, To this day we don't know what I think: "Oh my god, what do people remain on the state files until he's 18. Sometimes I look at him and think whose child is he? The state's

> then the hospital accused us of shaking Riordan, we were at the point when we just wanted to get on with our lives. Like many people who've been accused of things they didn't do, I felt disbelief. It all seemed ludicrous. When we went into the final meeting with the two social workers, we felt sense

would prevail. When they said notes was the answer Riordan was going into care, Rioch walked out. I am English through and through and I felt I had to

reason with these people. That was hreaking point: it was about as traumatic a thing for a couple to go through. We were told that if we left with Riordan we'd be arrested, which was the beginning of 12 days of torture. We'd wake in the morning stinking of the kind of sweat that comes through fear and feeling sick. Rioch's milk dried up.

maintain cool and calm, and try and

utterly determined. Women get angry, hut men are driven to something beyood anger which is disabling. Rioch had the gut feeling that somewhere within those

Riordan started pulling out his hair

in distress. Rioch was fuelled by pure

anger and rage, but she remained

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A doctor decided that the notes which had gone missing should be found again. We were just numb. After that, we were meant to git rac and lead a normal life hid were in a daze. The rage that had fuelled Rioch's fight-back had no means of expression. We were close to being wiped out as a family. Rìoch and I were, and are, best friends, and we tried to carry on communicating.

Today, we've both changed. It's killed any spontaneous sense of joy I had. Many couples in our situation split up, some people attempt suicide; their lives are completely destroyed. I want to forget the whole damn thing, but because of the moral panic surrounding child abuse our lives will never be the same again.

INTERVIEWS BY EMMA COOK

No longer a prisoner of paradise

Twenty years after Jonestown, a survivor speaks out. By Andrew Gumbel

Laytoo folthe Reverend to his jungle community in Guyana, she fervently hoped it would be "everything I'd ever reamed of". What she found was a kind of hell on earth.

The man she had looked up to as a role model and surrogate father became increasingly frightening to her as he ran Jonestown, his little kingdom, with increasing brutality and paranoia. Layton had been part of the People's Temple for seven years and was one of Jones's most trusted confidantes. But the relentless misery of Jonestown, the system of thought control, the beatings and the rehearsals for mass suicide slowly hardened her resolve to get out. In May 1978, with a decision that was to save as well as change her tor-

mented life, she did just that. Taking advantage of a mission to Georgetown, the Guyanese capital, she manr fellow sect members just long enough to secure herself an emergency passport and arrange her air passage out. As she recounts in grimly compulsive detail in her memoir Seductive Poison, just published here, her escape came perilously close to failure as she shuttled between the US Consulate, the PanAm office, a Georgetown hotel and the airport over a nail-biting 24 hours. Once safely back in the US, she came face to face with the

hen Deborah heavy consequences of her defection. She left her cancerridden mother behind in Jonestown and never saw or spoke Jim Jones out to her again. She failed to make contact with her brother Larry, a fellow Temple member, before he was ordered to Jonestown from San Francisco - effectively consigning to him the fate that would have awaited her had she stayed.

Perhaps most devastatingly, her escape became one of the links in the deadly chain that caused the entire community of Jonestown - 913 men, women and children - to commit mass suicide six months later. Her sworn testimony about conditions in the jungle prompted Leo Ryan, a Californian congressman, to investigate the sect and visit Jonestown; Ryan's effort to bring 20 "defectors" home with him led Jim Jones to order his security guards to open fire on the departing delegation, killing Ryan and four others; their deaths, in turn, precipitated the final, terrible order to the assembled People's Temple members to embrace death with cyanidelaced Flavorade. Lisa Layton, Dehhie'a mother, was not among the suicide victims - she had died, in terrible agony, a

week before (Jim Jones hogged

the community's painkiller sup-

ply for himself). Larry, mean-

while, was one of the gunmen

who ambushed Congressman

Ryan's party. Although he did

not kill anyone, he was subse-

quently extradited to the US to

serve a life sentence in prison.



her tale Robert Gumpert

ingly, refreshingly sane. For 17 years, before she quit to write her book, she worked as a financial trader in San Francisco, building up a network of new friends and renewing ties to her father and two older siblings. She now has a 13-year-old daughter, a steady partner and a beautiful, welcoming home in Piedmont oo the east side of San Francisco Bay. Not only has she come to

terms with the terrible legacy of the People's Temple and her place within it, but she has written about her experiences with a searing honesty. She describes the disconcertingly plausible way in which a young girl from a well-educated background could come to be sucked into the universe of a monomaniac and charlatan like Jim Jones. "It's all about finding a niche for yourself in a world where everything is black and white," she says. "Where Debbie Layton is astonish- what the leader says is good ly changed channels. But it

much simpler to see the world that way. By the time you figure out what's wrong it's often too late to extricate yourself." Seductive Poison describes the allure of Jim Jones when he was setting up in northern California in the early 1970s and traces his rise to political respectibility (he became so thick with the mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, that he was appointed head of the city Housing Commission).

It describes the mental games Jones played to explain away the mounting suspicions surrounding his activities and shows how hundreds of people were deceived into thinking that an almost inaccessible corner of the Guyanese jungle would be a little paradise. But behind Layton's story lies another, equally compelling one: the story of how she gathered the strength to write the book in the first place. For years, all she craved was anonymity.

After the initial blaze of publicity, she retreated into her new life, avoiding all reference to the past. "It was so painful when it came to that point in a relationship where I needed to say Tm not who you think I am'," she recounted. "But almost nobody walked away"

When her daughter Lauren was horn, she was anxious to protect her from the truth. Once, when a documentary oo Jooestown was on TV, Lauren was with her father and exclaimed: "Daddy, that looked like Mummy!" Her father hasti-

and everything else is bad. It's was Lauren, with her ever more persistent questions, that caused Layton to address the past. Another turning point was the Branch Davidian sect siege in Waco, Texas, in 1994: she realised that if survivors like her did not speak up and try to explain the mindset of sect members, further calamities could easily occur. "I heard about Waco while driving across the Bay Bridge and I remember thinking that if the car flipped over and I died there and then, I would be rememhered only as an escapee from Jonestown," she said. "The book became an attempt to iend dignity to my experience." Writing the book was a painful. two-year experience and even when it was finished, anxiety did not subside. "I was afraid people would find me truly vile," she said.

In the event, the book received glowing reviews praising not only Layton's courage but also her gift for narrative - reviews that she read not so much with excitement as relief. The relief was evidently felt by other Joneatown survivors, some of whom contacted Layton and found strength to confront their own demons. But much residual pain remains.

Larry Layton has little prospect of parole, and their father is critically ill. "He cried through every chapter of my book," Debbie said. "He is haunted by what happened, why a man he never met should try to ruin him. Ultimately there is no answer to the question, for him or anyone else."



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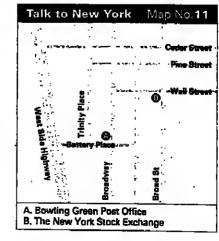
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I don't do opera unless it's theatre

Peter Stein is one of the world's greatest theatre directors and tonight his eagerly awaited Peter Grimes opens in Cardiff. He tells Mark Pappenheim why this is only his seventh opera

Peter Grimes, Peter Stein could hardly make a better entrance. Wind-blown and wild-haired, dressed all in hlack, his face dripping rain from the gale hlowing across the bay. Germany's foremost theatre director huddles in like a Suffolk fisherman seeking shelter from the storm. But even an avowed realist can have too much reality, I suppose. "God, I hate this weather!" he snaris, mopping his face.

Although, when he first came to work in Wales, Stein jokingly admits he had "problems even spelling Cardiff", you'd have thought he'd have got used to the weather by now. Grimes is, after all, his fourth production for Welsh National Opera in 13 years, and he's only ever done seven operas in his entire 35-year career. "You know, I'm a straight theatre director," he insists first thing, "and I want to be considered as this, not as an opera director. Opera is, for me, a kind of tourism."

And the reason he chooses to spend most of his "holidays" in Wales is that WNO offers the perfect package: choice of repertoire; extended rehearsal periods (seven weeks for Grimes); the final say in the casting; above all, "a team of people who do what they do, because they want to do it: who see the work, not as a devoir, a duty, or only to earn money - because, believe me, to earn money in this company is very hard! - but as a chance to ... explore."

Initially, though, it took much wooing by WNO's then managing director, Brian Mc-Master (now of the Edinburgh Festival). to coax Stein to Cardiff at all. It wasn't just that, as artistic director (1970-85) of the Schaubühne, Berlin's acclaimed theatre collective. Stein had his pick of projects the world over, never mind Wales. It was more that he had already washed his hands of opera twice over, once as a spectator, then as a director. As a child growing up in wartime Berlin, his earliest theatrical experiences were all of going to the opera: "First Peterkins Mondfahren - 'Little Peter's Moon Voyage', a kind of children's musical - when I was three, in 1940, just before the bombing started. Then Humperdinck's Hansel und Gretel - this, it's clear, is what a well-educated young boy has to hear! Then Freischütz. Then Aida."

He went on going during his teens in Frankfurt, during his student years in Mu-

or somebody directing nich. But then a fat lady sang, and it was because its text is taken from Shakeall over between him and the opera. "I remember very well, it was after a performance of Strauss's Elektra, with Astrid Varnay, that I decided: 'Basta! I don't go to opera any more.' She was too old, too fat by then. I could no longer stand the Diskrepanz between the music and what was happening on stage, where a fat woman of about 58 years fakes to be a young girl and to make a dance in which she cannot move. Come on, I said, I can huy a record for the same price as a ticket, and listen at home. And after that I never came back to opera - until I was asked to direct it. So I was very strict when I was younger," he chuckles. "Too strict. Now I am ready

> 'He had already washed his hands of opera twice over, first as a spectator, then as a director'

to do everything... Anything! Just call!" The call, when it first came though, was to direct a complete Ring, with Solti, at the Paris Opéra. But the cycle was cut short after Rheingold (in 1976), when Stein pulled out, frustrated that he had to rehearse with understudies - "the hig stars weren't due in until the dress rehearsal! For an a staging that was planned to mark Stein's opera director, it's OK maybe, but, for a theatre director, it's appalling." No wonder it took a decade for him to be lured back to opera. And when he was, it wasn't solely McMaster's promise of ideal rehearsal conditions that won him over ("with all the singers always there, so together we can explore something, work something out"), but the piece on offer. Verdi's Otello.

For the other lesson he'd learnt in Paris was that he could only care for operas where the text itself invited the involvement of a "straight theatre man". And, heresy though it may be to Wagnerites, he felt this just wasn't true of The Ring. "I loved the music. Or, let's say, I found it very interesting - sometimes crazy, sometimes kitsch, always powerful. But the libretto! Wagner's words are so lousy that, if I read or hear them without the music, I simply have to laugh!" And he does. "A very Home

ric laugh", if he says so himself. Otello clearly is something else. Not just speare, but because it is, says Stein, "a programmatic piece, where, after a pause of 10 years, Verdi came back to opera as an old man with the explicit intention of introducing theatre into opera. He knew it was a paradox - it doesn't work 100 per cent - but he wanted it, absolutely, and therefore he chose Shakespeare as the icon, the essence, of theatre. And indeed he succeeded quite well." Though not as well, he feels, as in Folstoff, Verdi's next and final opera (and Stein's second for WNO), where, if you listen on CD, it is only 60 per cent as much fun as when you see it on

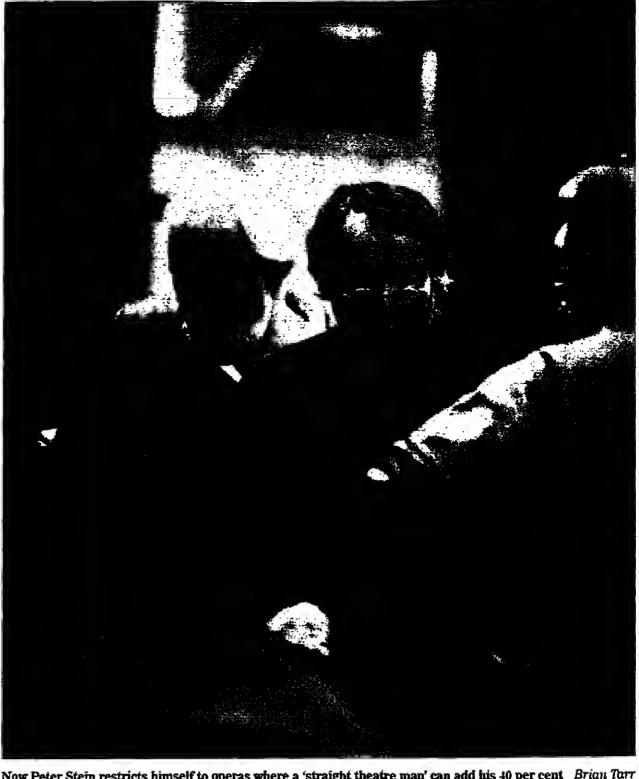
stage. Unlike Nabucco, say, which is much

better to hear than to see."

So Stein now restricts himself to pieces where a "straight theatre man" can add his 40 per cent, where, as he modestly hopes, at the end the singers say: 'Oh, yes, you helped us by your staging'." For that's his aim - "to help the singers sing better and to help the audience listen better. This more and more becomes my joy, to make the staging work, so you can even understand the structure of the score." Anyone who saw his 1988 Falstaff, for example, will re-call how simply, yet skilfully, he choreo-graphed that final, fun-fuelled fugue so as to articulate each hubbling, bobbing, jostling vocal strand.

The search for suitably theatrical scores brought him in 1992 to Debussy's Pelleas, operatic comeback in Paris but was ditched in the wake of Barenboim's dismissal from the Bastille, and ended up at WNO on the rebound, though with Pierre Boulez still on board. "I think it was really a gift from Mr Boulez to do the production here," says Stein. The willingness of the great composer-conductor to accompany Stein's staging on tour, appearing in the pit on wet Thursday evenings in Bristol, Bir-mingham and Southampton, represented a double coup for the Cardiff company. The two collaborated again on Schönberg's Moses und Aron in Amsterdam in 1995, since when Stein's only other opera has been Wozzeck in Salzburg two years ago.

Given the debt Britten's opera so obviously owes to Berg's, Grimes seems a logical follow-up, though Stein insists it's coincidental. He was originally asked to do the piece in Vienna, but turned it down, partly as the casting was already done (and he couldn't see how it could work with the



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given tenor), partly as be felt he could only do Grimes properly with English-speaking singers - "people who know exactly, also in a little bit an ironic way, what it is about, this weather and this rain, and this special relationship to nature and the sea, and the fighting with that, and so on." That said, he was shocked to find "how strangely English singers behave when they sing their own language, trying to ennoble it with a kind of rostrum of operatic behaviour, so that it becomes a little hit pompous, as if it would be an oratorio or I don't know what." The "plum in the mouth" style jars all the more in a work where, even if the text is sometimes overflowery and poetic,

"the themes are very direct and concrete,

and it's about the lives of ordinary people fishermen, not Kings and Queens".

What gives the work its "special fascination", though, is how precisely rooted it is in the soil and sea of Aldeburgh, the Suffolk fishing village where Crabbe's original poem is set, where Britten settled and founded his festival. As a self-confessed provincial ("Germany is all made up of provinces, they have no capital"), Stein particularly admires the way it draws the universal from the provincial, how one tiny dot on the map can harbour a drama of global import.

Naturally, he visited Aldeburgh, but as for re-creating it on stage, forget it. "Realism in theatre is very difficult nowadays."

he observes, "when you can push a button, pouf!, and have virtual reality in your own home." The answer is to isolate elements that really count - in Grimes's case, Aidehurgh's role as a fishing community, "So the only real things on board - sorry, on stage! - are the boats... they are made in Aldeburgh, and they are my joy!"

'Peter Grimes': New Theatre. Cardiff (01222 878389), 15, 20, 24 Feb (live on Radio 3); Apollo, Oxford (01865 241544), 2, 5 March: Hippodrome. Birmingham (0121 622 7486), 23, 26 March: Sadler's Wells, London (0171 863 8000), 30 March, 3 April: Empire, Liverpool (0151 709 1555). 6, 9 April; Grand, Swansea (01792 475715). 13, 17 April

Wisdom through compassion

IT MAY come to be known as the Protestant Parsifal; a grey day for the Grail. But Nikolaus Lehnhoff's provocative, intelligent, and finally very moving production of Wagner's perplexing masterpiece dares to ask questions for which there are no easy answers. In a sense, it is the agnostic Parsifal. It wants to believe, but it needs to know.

This, says Lehnhoff, is an opera about loss of faith, loss of direction, loss of humanity. Loss. The world into which it plunges us is a world in decline, a world so preoccupied with the trappings of Christianity ~ the symbols, the rituals, the piety that means everything and nothing - that it has forgotten the true meaning of the word. Man's inhumanity to man has come full circle. Our evolution has hit the huffers. It's the end of the line.

Indeed it is. In the final act of the opera, Lehnhoff's set designer, back over their heads in terrible gri-Raimund Bauer, presents the maces. But the sanctuary of the metaphor literally: a length of rail- Grail is a constant, the steep incline track going nowhere or somewhere, of its grey walls suggesting a civilidepending upon which way you look sation thrown off its axis. A huge at it. Salvation railroad. It's the life- rock - the rock of ages - has rup-

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line, if you like, to new beginnings. The way in, and the way out. It's the track along which Parsifal enters a warrior - a hlack samurai (a marvellous evocation from costume designer Andrea Schmidt-Futterer) and exits a redeemer, leading the

way for all those who would follow. So there is hope in Lehnhoff's wilderness. In the heginning, and in the end. time and place are indeterminate. Different cultures, east and west, different periods, are suggested in the costume designs. The knights in act one hall from medieval times, in act three they are ghosts of the Great War, gas masks pushed

tured its fortification from the out- really expressive. Not all the big mothe wound of all humanity) the wild and wilful figure of Parsifal first bursts like a force of nature.

For once he is, in every sense, the

primitive. The surprise of his first entrance is but one of several tiny revelations that Lehnhoff brings to his reading of the text. Another is the clear parallel he makes between the knights and their female counterparts, the flower maidens, in act two. Sex and violence as powerful motivators in the cycle of human folly. Lehnhoff and his designer have us view the opening of this second act through a gauze bearing the pelvic region of a female skeleton, and, more than any production I have seen of it, makes the physicality really tell. Slender arms become a myriad stigmas. Kundry sheds costumes

like petals. Lehnhoff is an accomplished practitioner. His stage compositions, his eye for movement, his re- tenors are made. The greatly im-

side world, and through that rupture ments here quite measured up to the (which we might also see as a magnificence of the musical realimetaphor for Amfortas's wound, sation the walk "through time and space" to the Grail sanctuary, the unveiling of the Grail itself were rather too Protestant. But the luminosity and splendour of the sound Mark Elder achieved with the English National Opera Orchestra and Chorus in these moments textra brass summoning from the rear of toe theatre, angelic voices from on high) truly opened up the imagination. Like all great readings of this music, this one created its own

time and space. A fine cast inhabited it. Gwynne Howell's Gurnemanz may now lack that last degree of vocal authority, but he weighs his words and wears his compassion with great dignity. Jonathan Summers' Amfortas wears his anguish wearily, perhaps too wearily, but the pain is heartfelt. To Kim Begley (Parsifal) I owe an apology for once suggesting that he was not the stuff of which Heldenspect for stillness and space is proved middle-voice is now the trance) to fragrant seductress, she sense of its "wisdom through com-



Sex and violence: Act two's flower maidens parallel the knights of act one

source and support for some really beautiful singing. And Kathryn Har- her voice. Almost as amazing as ries is a simply electrifying Kundry. Wagner's in the orchestra. From fallen angel (her crash-land-

But above all, you come away ing makes for a spectacular en- from this Pursiful with an indelible

affects amazing transformations in passion". Lehnhoff's painterly images of Gurnemanz, and later Parsifal, cradling Amfortas, are not easily forgotten. They are the most eloquent of endgames. EDWARD SECKERSON



Paradise lost in rural west Wales

ONE OF the features of Terry Hands' successful first season as artistic director at Clwyd Theatr last year was Tim Baker's The Rape of the Fair Country, an adaptation of Alexander

Cordell's novel. The Rape of the Fair Counry's virtues as a headline production for this Welsh theatre were immediately obvious, and t comes as no surprise that Baker and his writer, Manon Eames, have now followed that production with the next work

in Cordell's trilogy. Cordell's brand of popular historical novel offers family saga interacting melodramatically with momentous public events in ways that are powerfully sentimental and coursed with an indignation salted with

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nationalism. Like its predecessor, Hosts of Rebecca is enraged hy the 19th-century degradation of the land and culture of Wales by the effects of tralia for his part in the Chartist

rapacious industry and heeds colonialism.

If he does beg the historian Gwyn A Williams' famously awkward question "When Was Wales?", Cordell presents a hroadbrush history recognisable to industrial and rural, Welsh and English-speaking. heartland and border - this theatre's wide and complex constituency.

Hosts of Rebecca continues the story of the Mortymer family as they move from the inferno of the iron-works at

Monmouth to the supposed paradise of rural west Wales. With the patriarch Dada and Morfydd's husband both dead, and lestyn transported to Botany Bay penal colony in Ausprotest, it is a family of women save for the 14-year-old Jethro (Kai Owen), who becomes the

central character But Granfer Zephaniah's old farm can no longer yield a liv-ing, and Jethro and Morfydd are both forced into the local mine. Also misery and starvation has fuelled the "Rebecca Riots", a guerrilla war aimed mainly at the smashing of the

hated toll-gates and conducted by nocturnal, wraith-like bands that are dressed as women.

There are many strands running here, and Eames and Baker have difficulty making one thread. First there is the representation of social conditions, best evoked in designer Mark Bailey's fearful picture of the mine ladders reaching up and out of sight. (None the less - redoubtable as Vivien Parry's Morfydd is - it's hardly credible she would come home after

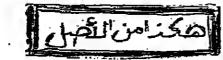
10 hours in a 2ft coal seam as though from a counter at Laura Ashlev.) There is also the developing

intensity of Jethro's love for Mari, his brother lestyn's faithful wife - beautifully played by Mari is the child of Zephaniah's tragic liaison with the daughter

Sion Probert fixes this vivid tale, but, in this occasionally overcooked production, he is compelled to shake his Old Testament locks too many times, both in its repetition and in prophesying that the mark of Cain is upon the intemperate Mortymers. This comes true in Jethro's involvement with the Rebeccas, but by the time he kills a dragoon its dramatic significance is lost in the regu-

lar segmentation of the action. Although the teeming character of the novel has not been sufficiently filtered to provide a pure enough dramatic line, this Siwan Morris. This in turn is is a gutsy, committed show, es-

torqued by the revelation that pecially in the singing and ensemble work.





Success at last for a

smart set of wheels

An award-winning wheelchair design has had many problems getting into production, but now,

with a little help from their friends, the makers are ready to roll. By Anna Sommerville

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An off year for 'offline'

THE GIANTS of the gaming industry seemed strangely quiet at Milia 99 in Cannes last week, hut the collective of UK artists who make up AudioRom had reason to celebrate, privacy, and has now following up last year's Bafta award with a Milia

D'Or for their Shift Control CD-Rom. For the first time at the Milia D'Or ceremony, CD-Roms, websites and games were judged together. It was an ominous sign for the "offline" business. In the words of one of the judging panel, journalist Denise Caruso, the offline industry and the Internet have increasingly similar concerns; interactivity. graphics and content. The problem is that the Internet is a cheaper platform and much of what could only be

delivered by CD-Rom is now possible over the Net. And if location is a good barometer, the games industry certainly lost out at Milia, with a small site outside the main hall. It's not all doom and gloom, however Sega's Dreamcast project, which launches in the UK this year, made a strong impression. Its key title was designed by the legendary Yu Suzuki, who has come out of retirement to create Shenmue. The gameplay is still not clear, but the realistic detail, and claims of a 4D game with its own dynamic time and environment systems, could boost this industry.

One of the online innovations doing its best to steal the show was at the Intel stand, where you could get sneak previews of the software houses that are writing new titles for the forthcoming Pentium III processor. According to Intel's Tim Keating, there has been a very fast take-up by software houses keen to exploit PIII's enhanced multimedia capabilities. Applications that use video and audio streaming, and the gaming industry, will benefit most. Unsurprisingly, Intel reps were keen to downplay the "Big Brother Inside"

technology with the

it possible to identify a number on every chip. Intel has been accused of encroaching on personal turned off.

One of the highlights was at the New Talent Pavilion, which showcased the most creative sites and games. But the hattle cry at Milia 99 was for multimedia to be granted equal status with the traditional media. After all, the industry has not only engaged the minds of children, but their parents and grandparents as well.

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Most Impressive Game Play: Zelda The Ocarina Of Time; Excellence in Content: Le plus beau musée du monde; Most Innovative Use of Real Time Interactivity: Les Cybersessions Médicales : Hottest Multiplayer Game: Starcraft TM (CD Rom) Havas Interactive Inc/Blizzard Entertainment France/US; People's Choice Award: Gran Turismo

specific machine via an ID announced that it will ship PIII's with the ID function

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Action Games: Wargasm (CD-Rom) Infogrames/Dig-Image UK/France; Adventure/ Roleplaying games: Zelda The Ocarina Of Time (Nin-64) Nintendo, France/Japan; Strategy Games: Populous III: The Beginning (CD-Rom) Elec-Arts/Bullfrog. France/US/UK; Simulation/Sports Games: Gran Computer Entertainment, tertainment-Leisure: Shift-Control Interactive Music (CD-Rom) AudioRom UK; Children's Edutainment:

The unit was working with children who had severe disabilities and learning difficulties. It had developed switches - to control various devices. such as communication aids, computers and toys. "This is all fine, but not hugely exciting," says Nisbet. We thought it would be good if you mation: CNN Interactive could plug a switch into something (www.cnn.com) that would drive around a bit."

> A prototype was built in 1987. With funding from the Scottish Office, the Call Centre built 12 chairs to be roadtested within schools. Nisbet is adamant that this is the best way to bring a product to fruition. He says that the European Union pumps huge amounts of money into projects to develop non-contact, obstacle detection vehicles, but that nothing commercial comes out of them because, invariably, they have spent 18 to 21 months of a two-year project on development. made one and tested it in a lab.

The schools' input was invaluable. It is a long process from delivering the chair to maximising users' skills on it. First, the teacher will sit in the chair to show the child that it is safe and then he or she will sit in the chair with the child and so on. The bumpers have various settings: stop on collision; stop and back off after a collision and turn after collision. The chair can be driven by switches, joysticks, a laptop or scanner. With the latter, users have the option of clicking on a switch until the direction is shown in lights, or can be offered a choice of left or right. Optical sensors on the chair allow the use

n 1998, an offshoot of the Uni-

versity of Edinburgh won a

prestigious education tech-

nology award, presented by

David Blunkett, for its Smart

Wheelchair. One judge de-

scribed it as "an example of

a product leaping beyond the limits of

what has previously been thought

possible". The award marked the cul-

mination of 10 years' research, and

would have appeared to have guar-

anteed the success of a product that

transformed the lives of the most se-

verely disabled. But it turned out

that the struggle had only just begun. Many people who need a powered

wheelchair are turned down by the

NHS if they can't display the neces-

sary skills to drive it. There are sound

reasons for this, mainly the safety of

users themselves and those around

them. However, the Smart Wheel-

chair, with its combination of switch-

es, bumpers, scanners, sensors and

line-following tools, bridged that gap.

In about 30 per cent of cases, users

build up their skills to the point that

they can be issued with a standard

the Communication Aids for Lan-

guage Learning (Call) Centre at the University of Edinburgh. It is de-

signed to allow less able drivers to

achieve some independent mobility.

Paul Nisbet, of the Call Centre, stress-

es that it is not a mobile robot - the

aim is to maximise users' skills, not

to have the chair take over.

The Smart Chair was developed by

powered wheelchair.



Tony Carver had never moved on his own before he took control of his Smart wheelchair

Anna Sommerville

particularly useful for navigating doorways. The chair reports back at all times via a speech synthesiser. This is important to let the user know why an action has been taken. For example, after a collision it may say: "Oops I have hit something. I will back off and

The Call Centre later joined forces with QED, a wheelchair manufacturer based in Fareham, Hampshire, to go into commercial production. The orders were coming in, but the horizon was soon to darken. On 15 July 1997, an EU directive on the use of medical devices came into force. QED and the Call Centre were aware of it and the chair was taken to GEC Marconi in Edinburgh for testing. It failed emissions tests and, therefore, could not be CE marked. GEC Marconi offered welcome advice on how to modify the chair, but to comply with EU regulations, a risk-analysis report had to be produced. In the case of the Smart Chair because, by definition, the user is more dependant on it, there are

greater safety issues to be addressed. All the while, QED was in a grave financial position. The Smart Chair could not be sold, much to the frustration of those who had ordered one.

of a line-following tool. Reflective And while QED fought to solve its ried out in his own time. He ap- Dakin and abusiness partner. He had chair follows it automatically. This is chair legal was not a major priority. A German manufacturer expressed interest in huying QED, but after three months of negotiations, it pulled out. Eventually, QED was forced into liquidation, owing the Call Centre a five-figure sum which, coupled with the £12,000 put in by the university, made Nisbet realise that, despite the chair's worthiness, it might not be

> The Smart Chair is not a mobile robot – it is designed to maximise users' skills'

worth pursuing if it wasn't going to be economically viable. Academics are often criticised for

not getting the results of their research into commercial production, but Nisbet says that the chair could not be allowed to go on draining the university's finances. He has stopped drawing the portion of his salary that came from the Smart Chair earnings and any work he does on it now is car-

pressed an interest in the chair, but to no avail. Then the centre became involved with Swedish and Greek academics to bid for EU funding. Nisbet and a colleague travelled to Brussels to meet a committee, and left feeling that the project was in the bag. There were quibbles, but nothing they felt that couldn't be addressed. The reasons for the bid being

turned down included: "Although the concept of modularity is good, the innovative content of this project is somewhat doubtful because the functionalities are almost all available," and "some questions remain about the potential market, since there is no marketing strategy defined." Nisbet counters this by saying that.

yes, the Smart Wheelchair does already exist, but the aim of that EU project was to transfer the results of research to the marketplace, which is what the Call Centre is trying to do. As to the chair's market potential, one of the partners in the project was Control Dynamics, which manufactures about 50 per cent of the electronics for wheelchairs worldwide.

That EU ruling might have spelled the end of the Smart Chair, were it not for Smile Rehab, a new company in Newbury, Berkshire, formed by Roger

tape is laid out on the floor and the problems, the matter of making the proached manufacturers who had ex- worked with QED and, when it folded, he says that he simply could not give up on the project. Smile Rehab has bought out QED's products, and Dakin is keen to get the Smart Chair back on to the market. The chair will soon be going back to GEC Marconi to be retested and the necessary documentation will be produced.

Dakin says the first priority is to fill the orders of those left on QED's books. Both be and Nisbet have plans to develop the chair and to take advantage of new technology, which would allow the company to sell sets of components rather than a complete chair, which costs about £7,000.

"I couldn't bear to see [the chair] not go forward," Dakin says. They need to sell only 10 or so chairs a year to make it viable. There are orders on the books, including a potential customer from the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh. After just half a day, the pupil had grasped the mechanics of the process and the school is so convinced of the benefits that it is already raising funds to buy the boy a chair. Nisbet says there are greater safety issues to be resolved, but if he and Smile Rehab are successful, then the chair will generate enough income to allow them to focus on such individ-

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Bugs Bunny Boulevard, ChickFlick Street. and Film Noir Terrace are among the desirable addresses at this Warners site, which is handing out 20Mb of free web space for fans to create their own "unofficial" tributes to, among others, You've Got Mail, Depeche Mode, Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Looney Tunes. Artwork and film stills are made available for all-comers, albeit under the avuncular eye of the copyright holder, and "community producers" are being recruited to help organise the neighbourhood. The resulting home pages are basic to say the least, and there are no controversies as yet about studio

Sony Entertainment Robot www.sony.co.jp/soj/robot Furby meets Robocop at this Sony Japan site. Shiny and segmented, but convincingly mutt-like, or cat-like, or monkey-like depending on your preference, this is no virtual creature. It is "a new genre of pet for those who have always wanted their personal robot pal". Although still in development, this little chap is already more versatile than its flesh-and-blood equivalent - for one thing you can rip off the hind legs and replace them with wheels, something organic pets normally resent. Sony offers lots of detail about interchangeable software and "Open R Architecture" and, like any proud parent, an endless series of QuickTime movies of its baby learning to

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www.dfilm.com Francis Coppola is quoted bere, asserting that "one day a little girl in Ohio is going be the new Mozart and make a beautiful film with her father's camcorder". The new breed of film-makers at this fascinating site just might bring it off. D.Film campaigns for microbudget moviemaking for all, now possible thanks to newly affordable software and computer power once restricted to large-scale features. For the downloadpatient, QuickTime clips display a low-cost ethic carried to extremes: Buddha Bar, for instance, was shot on a disposable cardboard still camera before being processed. There is a travelling festival (in Berlin last week) and also a plan for online distribution of movies via cable modem.

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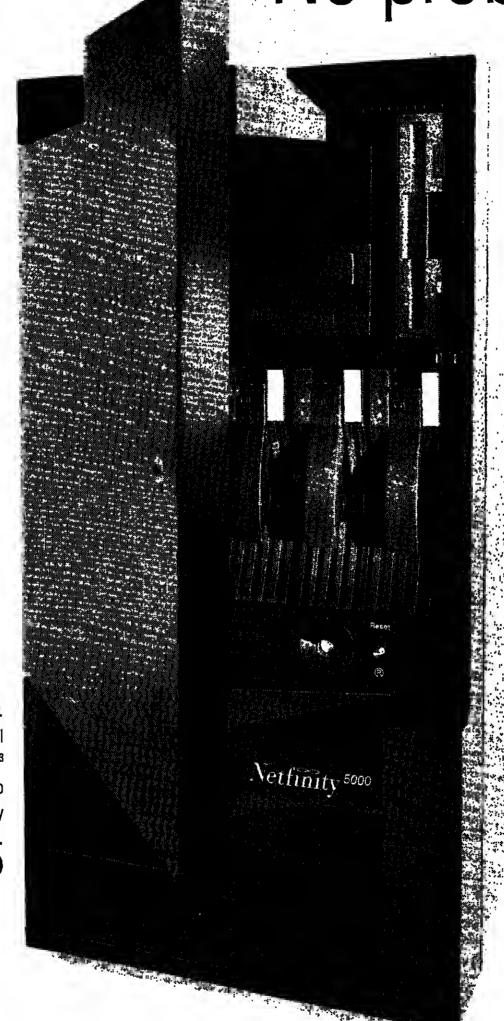
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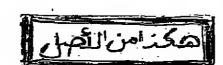
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Perfect for researching the life of Ally McBeal

The Internet was a constant companion to Amanda Foreman during the five years that she was writing her Whitbread Award-winning biography

s a history student at Oxford, we were taught how to use the Internet. We weren't considering how reliable the Internet is as a historical source because the Internet is about reliability of access not of information. And it is more useful for modern research rather than for historical research, which requires primary sources. There are these mad websites proclaiming the end of the world. I just use it as a search engine and an information

It's a particular kind of source that is very good for seeking out secondary sources - books, articles, pamphlets, periodicals. But unless everything is scanned into the computer it is never going to take over. The Internet won't cut down history into a digestible chunk. History is about uncovering the past and if it is on a computer then it has already been uncovered.

What is especially interesting and helpful to my historical research is the Encarta CD-Rom encyclopaedia link to the Microsoft search engine. I cannot overemphasise just how useful it is to me. For example, if I was searching on the Houses of Parliament, I get the Encarta entry and links to other sites. What I have is a potted history at a glance.

More valuable as a historical source is Microsoft's own collection of periodicals. This type of collection is why the Internet is such an . military was in the academies. invaluable research tool, a marvellous depository of secondary information. This week I wanted to sources. Even the British Library is online. It is a shame that you can't read books online quite yet, but it means I can search book availability and can refer to it easily and quickly when compiling a bibliog-



Amanda Foreman: 'The Net makes a huge difference in time and effort'

raphy. The Internet does make a regularly, to book and history sites. buge difference in time and effort. The Internet was also a com-

me to write the biography, All academics use the Internet like mad, perhaps something to do with sitting at a desk in front of a computer most of the time! After all, it's original use after it was set up by the

I often use it for leisure-related go to the theatre, and all I bad to do was go to whats.on.com, look up "listings, reviews" and book the tickets. I have bookmarked various favourite sites, ranging from a Star Wars site which I like to check in on

The Internet can be very frustrating. It can be slow to download panion during the five years it took and still crashes occasionally, but there is nothing we can do about that, as yet. Also, I get lost on the Net. After all, working at bome and writing a book, it is quite tempting to play until I realise I have spent all morning searching the Ally McReal website. And then I get so depressed! Clearly, I didn't want to work. However, if it wasn't the Net it would be something else. It could be television. At least when people come round you can't sit there staring at the computer screen.

It's a good messenger source, much easier than letters or the

phone, I often talk to university tutors around the world through email, plus it means I can access public libraries. I guess I use it a couple of hours a day, every day, and would say it's all pretty useful time, (except when checking up on what happened on ER last week). My next project is to go online banking. I work from home, so it makes sense for me, but I believe everyone will be living online in the next couple of years. INTERVIEW BY

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Patent case of paranoia

ON 12 January, Microsoft was granted US Patent Number 5,860,073. This is hardly surprising, since most companies of Microsoft's size receive hundreds or even thousands of patents from the US government each year. However, this particular patent, entitled "Style sheets for publishing system(s)". covers "the use of style sheets in an electronic publishing system". Sound familiar?

The "inventors" listed in this patent claim to have developed a system where by "text, or other media such as graphics, is poured into the display region" at which time, style sheets - defined as "a collection of formatting information, such as foots and tabs" - are applied. This patent seems to overlap concepts laid out in the World Wide Web Consortium's (www.w3c.org) specifications of Cascading Style Sheets (www.independent.co.uk/oet/ 980407ne/story8.html) and the Extensible Style Language (XSL), in development at least since 1994.

So, what does this mean? It means that Microsoft can now claim as its intellectual property several of the key concepts that make Web browser technology possible. Theoretically, if you want to use these technologies - or any technology based oo them - you will oow need to sign a licensing agreement with Microsoft. Imagine a world where every website using CSS, DHTML, and XSL have to be Microsoft certified.

OK, it may never get that bad, we bope. It has been reported that Microsoft will offer "free and reciprocal" licensing agreements to anyone wishing to use "their" technology, adding that it is not even clear whether a licence will be necessary.

Even Netscape is "not terribly concerned about it at this point in time", and rightly so. A quick analysis of the patent shows that it has two major flaws, which the W3C and the Web Standards Project (www.wsp.com) have already

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been quick to point out "the existence of prior art". referring to the fact that style sheets were proposed with the first Web browsers coming out of CERN laboratories in 1994. In fact, the concept of style sheets has been around since the Sixties when they were used for print publications. At best, Microsoft is a Johnnycome-lately to the concept.

The W3C's own licensing insures that the standards developed under its banner are universally available and royalty free. Since the W3C first developed the concept of style sheets, its license should bold precedence. Microsoft had representatives on the committees that created these standards and their own patent makes reference to documents produced by the W3C regarding CSS, so it seems highly improbable that this patent would stand up to much scrutiny.

In fact, George Olsen of the WSP (www.independent.co.uk /net/ 980928ne/story7.html) questions whether the patent should have been granted in the first place, "because [there] are a number of prior examples of similar technology, including the original proposal for CSS" Not only that, but it is assumed that any organisation -Microsoft included - with representatives in the W3C will

detail any current or pending patents that might impact the W3C standards uoder consideration, something this patent most certainly did. Yet the first the W3C heard of the patent was on 4 February when knowledge of the pateot was first made publicly available.

The question is not wbether the patent will stand the test of time - most people I have talked to io the Web design community agree that it won't. The questioo is whether it should have ever even been applied for in the first place and what this pateot says about Microsoft.

The best thing that I can say about this situation is that it simply betrays an extreme divergence between the philosophies of the Microsoft Corporation and the philosophies that have created and nourished the World Wide Web since its creation, The Web has always been based on free and open standards available to any party for use without the need of legal contracts or obligations. On the other hand, Microsoft is the ultimate libertarian corporation, which oot only believes that every thing should be owned, but that every idea is a commodity and sbould be owned by somebody that somebody preferably being Microsoft.

This patent simply reflects upon the paranoid temperament that Microsoft bas at its very core. It was reported that Microsoft filed this patent to prevent others companies from forcing consumers into using proprietary software, Microsoft wants to make sure that you are protected from having to use proprietary software that's a bit rich.

Microsoft should do the right thing. Turn its patent over to the W3C with oo strings attached and allow the Web standards body to administer Web standards.

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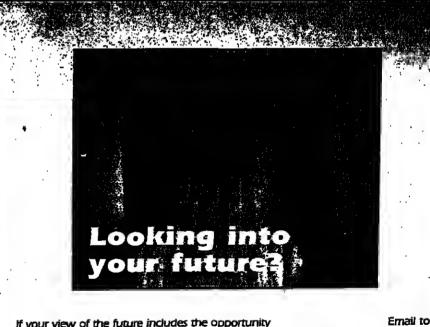
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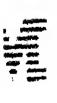
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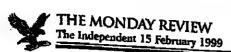
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Starring: Alexis Arquetts, Christian Maelan

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JACK FROST (PG) **Director:** Troy Miller

Starring: Michael Keaton, Mark Addy

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Warren Beatty's new political satire is crude and condescending on occasion, yet genuinely audacious and committed, too. West End: Odeon Kensington, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

ELIZABETH (15)

Shekhar Kapur's story of a female figurehead struggling to gain purchase in a male world largely oeglects the opportunities for fun in a story of independence triumphing over cruelty. West End: ABC Panton Street, Odeon Mezzanine

ENEMY OF THE STATE (15)

Will Smith and Gene Hackman star in this big. ooisy and effectively claustrophobic conspiracy thriller. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

HIDEOUS KINKY (15) Through the backdrop of 1970s Morocco treads Kate Winslet's hippie single-mum with her two daughters (Bella Riza, Carrie Mullan). Meanwhile, gormless backpackers. Sufi teachers and Said Taghmaoui's love-interest weave across the narrative. West End: Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Curzon Minema, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Renoir, Ritzy ... Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys ve Virgin Fulham Road. Repertory: Phoenix Cinema. And local cinemas

HILARY AND JACKIE (15)

Full-throttle playing from Rachel Griffiths and Emily Watson sustains Anand Tucker's wartsand all biopic of the Du Pre sisters. West End-Chelsea Cinema, Curzon Soho, Odeon Swiss Cottage. Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre. And local cinemas

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (15) Stella got her groove back by taking off to Jamaica with her feisty buddy (Whoopi Goldberg), sashaying around in a bikini and getting herself a little love action in the form of a man young enough to be her son. Essentially this is Shirley Valentine with an Afro-American spin. West End: Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

LITTLE VOICE (15)

Timid Jane Horrocks perfects strident Shirley kaBassey/Judy Garland impersonations. Bracing ulack comedy, Horrocks' vocal pyrotechnics, plus a marvellously weighted turn from Michael Caine push it through to the final curtain. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road. And local cinemas

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village

West End. And local cinemas This gaudy swashbuckler gallops full-speed Village West End. And local cinemas

through 19th-century California in the company of Antonio Banderas's suthentically Hispanic do-gooder. West End: Odeon Mezzanine, Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

MULAN (I)

This animated feature about a girl who disguises herself as a soldier to spare her ailing father from the certain death of combat is one of the most visually innovative movies that Disney has Plazo, Ritzy Cinema. Local: Edmonton Lee ever made. West End: Odeon Mezzanine, Ritzy

THE OPPOSITE OF SEX (18)

See The Independent Recommends, above. See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleys, West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clopham Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End.

PECKER (18)

Trash auteur John Waters swerves into sunnier streets with Pecker, his fluffily satirical tale of an amateur Baltimore photographer who is adopted as a fly-on-the-wall artiste by the New York elite. Pecker goes big on blue-collar kitsch without ever making any real, stringent point. West End: Clapham Picture House, Metro, Odeon Camden Town, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

What sustains the film is the ingenuity of its central conceit, its ongoing "mathematics is the language of nature" mantra and too-cool for-school demeanour West End: ABC Ponton Street

PRACTICAL MAGIC (12)

Practical Magic sees Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman cast as two sisters raised from a line of witches and hexing any unlucky man who swings into their orbit. West End: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (U)

In planning his cartoon life of Moses, DreamWorks honcho Jeffrey Katzenberg envisaged it "painted by Claude Monet and photographed by David Lean". The end result ends up looking more like The Ten Commandments by way of Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat. West End: Empire Leicester Square, UCI Whiteleys. Repertory: Phoenix Cinema, Watermans Aris Centre. And local cinemas

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (15) Steven Spielberg's Second World War drama featuring Tom Hanks and harsh, devastating battle equences. West End: Plaza

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Empire Leicester Square, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Morble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road. Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

This sugar-glazed; oven-ready affair casts an out-of-sorts Susan Sarandon as a middle-aged matriarch squabbling over her offspring with the new model mom (Julia Roberts) that hubby Ed Harris has hooked up with. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleus, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

TWO GIRLS AND A GUY (18)

Heather Graham and Natasha Gregson Warner are the duped girlfriends of Robert Downey Jr's love-rat prima donna. Two Girls and a Guy gives them plenty of room to move and breathe, turning the yarn into a pungent acting showcase. West End: Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket

VERY BAD THINGS (18)

Peter Berg's debut serves up swaggering grossout comedy in a Loaded-magazine style, but it's ultimately a film with nowhere to go. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Marble Arch, Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner

THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

THE FIVE BEST FILMS

Life is Beautiful (La Vita è Bella) (PG)

Roberto Benigni directs and stars in this tragicomic fable (right) about an Italian Jewwho tries to shield his boy from the horrors of a Nazi conceotration camp by pretending that the brutal regime is an elaborate game.

Shakespeare in Love (15) This enjoyable romp suggests how romance fired Shakespeare with the creative inspiration for

Romeo and Juliet. Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paitrow head a multi-star cast. Living Out Loud (15)

Holly Hunter plays a Manhattan woman who, left by her husband, befriends the elevator operator in her building. Writer Richard LaGravenese handles everything with affectionate restraint.

A Bug's Life (U)

More child-friendly than Antz, this animated feature spins another enjoyable yarn about an ant colony and its battle to survive. Kevin Spacey provides the voice of the chief grasshopper.

The Opposite of Sex (18)

Christina Ricci plays 16-year-old bitch-on-wheels Dedee, who causes all kinds of havoc when she moves in with her half-brother (Martin Donovan).

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THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

Copenhagen (Duchess Theatre, London) Michael Frayn's profound and haunting meditation on science, morality and the mysteries

Oklahoma!

(Lyceum Theatre, London) Widely regarded as the best ever, Trevor Nunn's glorious production of the Rogers and Hammerstein classic fully deserves its West End transfer. To 26 Jun

The Street of Crocodiles (Queen's Theatre, London)

of human motivation. To 7.4ug

Triumphant revival of Theatre de Complicite's surreal and searing plunge into the imagination of Polish-Jewish writer Bruno Schulz. To 20 Feb

The Winter's Tale (RSC, Stratford) An amazingly rich and complex performance from Antony Sher (right) in Gregory Doran's Romanov style production. In rep to 4 Mar

Darkness Fails

(Palace Theatre, Watford) Jonathan Holloway's entertainingly creepy doublebill of ghostly chillers about our deepest wishes and the price we pay for them. To 20 Feb

PAUL TAYLOR

THE FIVE BEST SHOWS

Monet in the 20th Century (Royal Academy)

The gardens and lily ponds at Giverny dissolve into elemental visions: fiery lights, haze, liquid reflections, voids and depths. The strange last works of Impressiooism (right). To 18 Apr

Portraits by Ingres (National Gallery) Some of the most intense portraiture ever. Women exquisite melanges of flesh and fabric, dreams of sex and money. To 25 Apr

Patrick Cauffield (Hayward Ga(lery) This survey of nearly 50 years' work offers Caulfield's

full range - notably, those hold become outlines.

blocked in with translucent colour. To 11 Apr Disasters of War

(Wolverhampton Art Gallery) "I saw this" - three ages of European war through the etchings of Jacques Callot, Goya and Otto Dix.

Thinking Aloud

(Cornerhouse, Manchester) Sculptor Richard Wentworth curates an exploration of creativity in art and design; an assortment of rough drafts, doodles and models, To 28 Feb.

Visions from the blackest of times. To 20 Mar.

TOM LUBSOCK

CINEMA WEST END

ABC PANTON STREET
(0870-902 0404) & Piccadilly
Circus Elizabeth 2.10pm, 5.10pm,
8.10pm Lock, Stock & Tivo
Smoking Barrels 1.10pm,
3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm My
Name is Joe 1.20pm, 3.45pm,
6.20pm, 8.40pm x (PI) 1.25pm,
3.30pm 6.10pm, 8.35pm

ABC PICCADILLY (0171-287 4322 (from 1pm) & Piccadilly Grous Hamarr: The Turkish Bath 1.25pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm 5witchblade Sisters 1.35pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm

ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE (0870-902 0402) & Leicester Square Don't Go Breaking My Heart 1.40pm, 4.05pm, 6.30pm, 8.55pm I Think I Do 1.10pm, 3,40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm

ABC TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD (0870-902 0414) & Tottenham Court Road A Bug's Life 1.20pm, 4.05pm, 6.45pm, 9pm Little Voice 1.30pm, 3.55pm, 7.05pm, Texas Chainsaw Massacre 9.40pm

BARBICAN SCREEN (0171-638 8891) & Barbican Ufe is Beautiful 3pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm Shakespeare in Love

3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.25pm

6pm, 8.40pm CHELSEA CINEMA

CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE (0171-498 3323) & Clapham Common A Bug's Life 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm Hideous Kinky 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.10pm Madeline 1.15pm, 3.15pm, 5.15pm Pecker 7.30pm, 9.30pm Shakespeare in Love 1.45pm. 4.15pm. 6.45pm, 9.20pm

(0171-369 1720) & Green Park Life is Beautiful 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm. 8.40pm

CURZON SOHO (0171-734 2255 (12noon-6pm)) 9 Leicester Square/Tottenham Court Road Hideous Kinky 1.45pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9pm Hilary and Jackie 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm Your Friends and Neighbors 1.15pm, 3.15pm, S.15pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm

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GATE NOTTING HILL (0171-727 4043) & Notting Hill Gate Your Friends and Neighbors 1.50pm. 4.10pm. 6.30pm. 8.5Spm (+ Short: Tattoo)

METRO (0171-734 1506) ◆ Piccadilly Circus The Apple (Slb) 2pm, 6.30pm Dobermann 4.15pm, 8.45pm Pecker 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm

CURZON MINEMA (0171-369 1723) ↔ Hyde Park Corner/Knightsbridge Hi Kinky 3pm. 5pm, 7pm, 9pm Hideous NOTTING HILL CORONET

(0171-727 6705) & Notting Hill Gate Shakespeare in 2.45pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm ODEON CAMPEN TOWN (08705-050007) & Carmien Town A Bug's Life 12noon, 2,20pm, 4,35pm, 6,45pm, 8,50pm Little Voice 11.50am, 2pm, 4,15pm, 6,35pm, 9,10pm Pecker 12,20pm, 3.50pm. 6.30pm. 9.05pm Shakespeare in Love 12.10pm. 2.50pm, 5.45pm. 8.25pm Your Friends and Neighbors 1.30pm. 4.05pm. 6.50pm, 9.15pm, 11.35pm

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3.55pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm The
Mask of Zorro 2.35pm, 5.25pm,
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Something About Mary 12.45pm,
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(0990-888990) & Piccadilly Circus Babe: Pig in the City 12.40pm Saving Private Ryan 3pm, 7.30pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.30pm The Truman Show 1pm, 3.15pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Very Bad Things 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm. 9pm

(0171-837 8402) & Russell Square Hideous Kinky 2.20pm, 4.30pm, 6.40pm, 8.55pm Your Friends and Neighbors 2.05pm, 4.15pm, 6.25pm, 8.40pm RITZY CINEMA

(0171-733 2229) BR/Ø Brixton A Bug's Life 1.50pm, 3.35pm, 5.25pm, 7.15pm, 9.05pm The Eet 2.30pm Hideous Kinky 2.45pm, 4.50pm, 7.05pm How Stella Got Her Groove Back 9.15pm Life is utiful 1.35pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, Mulan 12.50pm 9pm Mulan 12.50pm Shakespeare in Love 2pm, 4.25pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm Your Friends and Neighbors 4.40pm. 7pm, 9,20pm (+ Short: Tattoo)

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SCREEN ON THE HILL (0171-435 3366) & Beisize Park Life is Beaudful 2.15pm, 4.30pm.

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VIRGIN CHELSEA (0870-907 07:10) & Sloane Square A Bug's Life 12.30pm, 2.45pm, 4.55pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm Bulworth 6.15pm, 9.15pm Life is Beautiful 1.15pm, 3.45pm, Beautiful 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Madeline 1pm, 3pm The Parent Trap 12.45pm, 12.45pm,

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VIRGIN TROCADERO
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CINEMA LONDON LOCALS

PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE (0181-896 0066) ← Park Royal A Bug's Life 10am, 11.20am, 12.10pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, Bug's Life 10am, 11.20am, 12.10pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.50pm, 4.50pm, 6.10pm, 7.10pm, 8.30pm, 9.25pm Don't Go Breaking My Heart J2ncon, 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 8.55pm Enemy of the State 7.20pm, 10pm How Stella Got Her Groove Back 4.10pm, 7pm, 9.50pm Jack Frost 10.25am, 12.40pm, 3pm, 5.20pm, 7.40pm Little Voice 6.50pm Madeline 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.40pm, 4.40pm My Glant 11am, 1.10pm Ine 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2,40pm, 4,40pm My Glant 11am, 1,10pm, The Parent Trap 11.50am, 2,20pm Practical Magic 3.20pm The Prince of Egypt 10am, 12noon, 2pm Shakespeare in Love 10.40am, 1,20pm, 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.35pm The Siege 10.10pm Star Trek: Insurrection 5.10pm Stepmom 6pm, 8,40pm Very Bad Things 9.10pm

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CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: West/East Croydon Life is Beautiful 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm The Prince of Egypt 11am FAIRFIELD HALLS (0181-688

9291) 8R: East Croydon Star Trek: Insurrection phone for details SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon, A Bug's Life 12.30pm, 2.50pm, 5.40pm, 8pm Jack Frost 12noon, 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 7pm Living Out Loud 9pm Practical Magic 12.15pm, 2.35pm, 5.25pm, 8.10pm

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ICA The Mall, 5W1 (0171-930 3647) Alchemists of the Surreal ted: Shorts (NC) Spm Now (NC) 6.30pm Yuri Norstein on Art: Lecture (NC) 7pm Angels and Devils: Shorts (NC) 8.30pm Yuri Norstein: A Retrospective: Shorts

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3232) Berlin Alexanderplatz ode 2 & 3: Fassbinder 20pm Passport to Pimilco (U) 2.30pm Jour de Fâte (U) 6.15p A Night at the Opera (U) 7.30pm My Name is Joe (15) 8.30pm Berlin Alexanderplatz Episode 4

PHOENIX High Road, N2 (0181-444 6789) The Prince of Egypt (U) 2pm Hideous Kinky (1S) 4.15pm,

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181) Antz (PG) 1pm Ronim (15) 3.30pm Velvet Goldmine (18) 9.10pm The Rocky Horror Picture Show (15) 11.45p

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road W6 (0171-420 0100) Dance of the Wind (U) 6.45pm + Fire 8.30pm WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (0181-568 1176) Hilary and Jackie (15) 1.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm

DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-602503) Hideous Kinky (15) 1.45pm, 6.30pm Hilary and Jackle (15) 4.15pm, 9pm

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WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) Hideous Kinky (15) 6pm Hilary and Jackle (15) 6.05pm, 8.3Spm Peck-er (18) 8.25pm

ARTS (01223-504444) Hilary and Jackie (15) 12.30pm, 2.45pm, 9.20pm Hideous Kinky (15) 5pm, 7.10pm Buffalo 66 (15) 11.30pm

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) My Name is Joe (15) 6.15pm Pecker (18) 7.30pm Your Friends and Neighbors (18) 8.15pm

NEW PARK FILM CENTRE 101243-

FILM THEATRE (01473-215544) The Boys (18) 6pm The Opposite of Sex (18) 6.15pm, 8.30pm The Apple (Sib) (PG) 8.15pm

CINEMA CITY 101603-622047) The Cow [NC) S.4Spm Henry Fool (18) 8.15pm Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (18) 11,15pm

THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today; times and prices for the week; running times include intervals.
— Seats at all prices) — Seats at some prices O — Returns only Matinees — [1]: Sun. [3]: Tue, [4]: Wed. [5]: Thur. [6]: Fri. [7]: Sat

ALARMS AND EXCURSIONS ALARMS AND EXCURSIONS Michael Frayn's new comedy about a dinner party which is interrupted by mysterious messages stars Felicity Kendal and Josie Lawrence. Gleigud Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) © Picc Circ. Mon. Sat 7. 45pm. 15)(7] 3pm. £19.50-£27.50 £12.50-£17.50 (restricted views). 130 mlns.

• AMADEUS David Suchet stars as Salieri in Peter Shaffer's acclaimed drama about the life of Mozart. Old Vic The Cut. SE1 (0171-928 7616/cc 420 0000) BR/9 Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (4)[7] 2.30pm, £7.50-£30. 180 mins.

● ANNUE Rags to riches story of the optimistic orphan. Victoria Palace Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317] BR/→ Victoria. Tue-Sat 7.30pm. (4)(7(2.30pm, [1) 4pm, £7.50-£32.50. 165 mins.

▶ ART Tom Mannion, Danny Webb, Gary Olsen to Yasmina Reza's com-edy about art and friendship. -Wyn-dham's Theatre Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 0171-867 1111) & Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8.00pm, (4) 3.00pm, [7](1) 5.00pm, £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins. BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Lavish family musical based on Disney's cartooo version of the favourite fairy tale Dominion Theatre Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm.

BLOOD EROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musi-cal melodrama about twins who are separated at birth. Phoenix Theatre Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) & Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.4Spm, [S] 3.00pm, [7) 4.00pm, £11.50-£32,50. 165 mins.

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D BUDDY Musical biog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly.

Strand Theatre Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800) ⊕ Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thu 8.00pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5.00pm & 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, £10-£27, half price Friday matinees, 160 mins.

D CATS Lloyd Webber's musical ver-sion of TS Eliot's poems. New Lon-don Theatre Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 0171-404 4079) ← Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.4Spm, [3)[7] 3.00pm, £12.50-£35, 165 mins.

CORONET (0181-850 3351) BR: O CHICAGO Maria Friedman and Peter Davison star in this hit Broadway musical about two murderous women and their nightchib act. Adel-phi Theatre Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. [4)[7) 3pm, £16-£36 (Inc booking fee). 130 mins. • THE COMPLETE WORKS OF

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABREDGED) Reduced Shakespeare Company fast-forward through 37 plays, Criterion Theatre Piccadilly Grass, W1 (0171-369 1747) ◆ Picc Gras, W2 (0171-369 1747) ◆ Picc Gra, Wed-Sat 8.00pm, [5] 3.00pm, [7) 5.00pm, [1] 4.00pm, £6-£2S, 120 mins. D COPENHAGEN New drama from

Michael Frayn about the discovery of the atom. Duchess Theatre Garden, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £15-£30, 145 mlns. DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN

Mark Little stars in this witty and wise comedy about the sexes. Apol-W1 (0171-494 5070) & Picc Circ. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 6pm & 8.4Spm, £10-£25, concs available. DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield

talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation featuring Jim Henson Puppets. London Apollo Hammersmith Oveen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022) + Hammersmith. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4)[7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins. GREASE Energetic stage version
 of the hit film which features a range

of poular hits. Cambridge Theatre Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) O Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4]]7] 3.00pm, £10-£30. AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christ

pher Cazenove and Susannah York n Peter Hall's acclaimed production in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Lyric Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (4] 3pm, [7) 4pm, £8.50-£29.50. 165 mins.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller Garrick Theatre Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) & Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm. Sat 8.15pm. [4) 2.30pm.)7) S.00pm, £12-£29.50.

O INTO THE WOODS Sondhei and Lapine's acclaimed musical based on the dark side of fairy tales. Donmar Warehouse Earfham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) ◆ Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.30pm,)4))7) 2.30pm, £15-£27.50.

KAFKA'S DICK Alan Bennett's play about a man obsessed with the Czech writer stars Julia Mackenzie and Eric Sykes. Piccadilly Theatre Denman 5treet, W1 (0171-369 1734) & Picc Circ. In rep, tonight 8pm, ends 26 Feb, £12-£30. 120

STOOPS TO CONQUER Buriesque musical comedy, Lyric Hammer-smith King Street, W6 (0181-741 7.30pm, £10-£15, concs £5-£7.50.

O LITTLE MALCOLM AND HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EU-NUCHS Ewan McGregor stars as the revolutionary activist in David Hal-liwell's drama. Comedy Theatre Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) & Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm. [5][7] 3pm. £7-£27.50.

THE MEMORY OF WATER AL ● THE MEMORY OF WATER Alison Steadman and Julia Sawalha star in this touching comedy about three sisters returning home for their mother's fineral, Vaudeville Theatre Strand, WC2 [0171-836 9987] BR/⊕ Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. [5][7] 3pm. £8-£27.50.

O LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo's mas-terpiece. Palace Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [S][7) 2.30pm, £7-£35, 195 mins.

• MISS SAIGON Musical which re-sets the Madam Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) & Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4](7) 3.00pm, £5.75-£35, 165 mlns,

• THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodumuit. St Martin's Theatre West Street. WC2 (0171-

) OKLAHOMA! Maureen Lipman OKILAHOMA! Maureen Lipman stars in the National's acciaimed production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's cowboy versus farmhand musical. Lyceum Theatre Wellington Street, WC2 (0870-606 3446/cc 606 6446)
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O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical Her Majesty's The-atre Haymarket, SW1 (0171-494 S400/cc 0171-344 4444) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.4Spm, [4)[7) 3.00pm, £10-£35. 150 mins.

▶ REINT Musical inspired by La Bohame and set in modern day New York Shaftesbury Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, WCZ (07000-211221) ⊕ HoBorn/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4)[7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50, 160 mins. RICHARD III Robert Lindsay stars as the historical villain. Savoy The-atre Strand, WC2 (0171-836

8888/cc 0171-836 0479) ← Char-Ing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm, £10-£27.50. ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE POLIVIER Peter Pan Stephen Oliver's music accompanies the tale of the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up, with Michael Bryant as the Storyteller. In rep. today 2pm & 7.15pm, ends 20 Feb.

DIYTTELTON: The Forest Alan Ayckbourn's new version of Ostrovsky's black social satire stars Frances de la Tour. In rep, tonight 7.30pm.

● COTTESLOE: The Riot Nick Darke's drama from Kneehigh The-atre. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, con-tinuing in rep. Olivier & Lyttelton: £8-£27. Cottesloe: £12-£17. NT2000: £4, concs £3. Day seats from 10am, South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000). O/BR: Waterloo.

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

10 THE BARBICAN: The Tempest

The Tempest Shakespeare's Adrian Noble directs Shakespeare's romance drama. In rep, tonight 7.15pm. 165 mins.

THE PIT: Shadows: Riders To The Sea & The Shadow of The Glen & Purgatory Triple-bill of drama by WB Yeats and JM Synge. In rep. tonight 7.15pm, ends 27 Mar. Bar-bican Theatre: £5-£26. The Pit: £11-618.60 Particles Cont £18.50. Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) & Barbican.

• THE YOUNG VIC: Talk Of The City Stephen Poliakoff's drama ex-plores media control in the early days of TV and radio. In rep. toniohi of TV and radio. In rep. tonight 7.1Spm. Young Vic; £5-£26. The Cut. SE1 (0171-928 6363). BR/-

O SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia. London Palladium Ar-gyll Street, W) (0) 71-494 5020) & Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 135 mins.

• STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musi-cal. Apollo Victoria Wilton Road cel. Apollo Victoria Wilton Road, SWI (0171-416 6070) BR/& Vic-toria. Mon-5at 7.45pm, [3][7] 3.00pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mins. OTHE STREET OF CROCODILES

Bruno Scultz's short stories provide the inspiration for Theatre de Com-plicité s'acclaimed and absurdist drama Queen's Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, WI (0171-494 5040/cc 0171-246 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.j. Sat 8pm, [7] 3pm, [1] 5pm, ends 20 Feb, £6-£25.

D TOAST Richard Wilson directs this new play set in a Hull bakery Royal Court Upstairs (at the Ambas-ador's)West Street, W1 (0171-565 5000) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7pm. [7) 3pm, [1] Spm. ends 6 Mar, £6-£25

• VASSA Howard Davies directs a new stage version of Maxim Gorky's tale of a matriarch and her downtrodden family. Albery Theatre St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) ⊕ Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. 3pm. ends 27 Mar, £5-

O THE WELR Conor McPherson's drama is set in Ireland and examines ideas of ghosts and angels. Royal Court Theatre Downstairs (at the Duke Of York's) St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) ← Lelc Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4)(7) 3.30pm, £5-£25. 90 mins.

WEST SIDE STORY Brand new roduction of Bernstein's classic musical, attempting to recreate the feel of the original Broadway hit. Prince of Wales Theatre Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5972) & Leic So/Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [S)[7[3pm, £18.50-£35. 160 mins.

O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name about two children who mistake an escaped convict for Jesus Aldworth Theaty Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 0171-836 2428) → Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (5)[7] 3pm, £10-£32.50. 120 mins.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK SUsan Hill's chilling ghost story. Fortune
Theatre Russell Street, WC2 (0171836 2238/cc 0171-344 4444) ←
Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat
8pm. (3) 3pm. (7) 4pm. £8.50£23.50. 110 mins.

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

Men Peter Gill's comedy of contemporary manners looks at the sexuality and the modern man. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 3pm, ends 20 Feb. £9.50-£19.50, cones available Alexids France NJ 0773 Feb. able. Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) O Angel/Highbury and Is-

ARTS THEATRE Howard Crab-tree's When Pigs Fly Gay musical comedy poking fun at American cul-ture. Tue-Fri 8pm. Sat 6pm & 8.30pm. Sun 6pm. ends 3 Apr. E20-E25 concs £15. Great Newport Street W2 (0171-836 3334/cc 741

KING'S HEAD, ISLINGTON The Vagina Monologues Eve Ensler performs her own acclaimed off-Broadway hit. Iue-Sat 8pm, mass Sat & Sun 3.30pm, ends 6 Mar. £12-£13. Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916) ◆ Angel/Highbury & Islingto

Astoria 2, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (0171-434 9592) to 27 Mar

COUNTRYWIDE HAYMARKET THEATRE The Seag-ull Chekhov's last play about a Russ-ian family vainly trying to protect their estate from towards bankrupt-cy. Tue-Sat 7.45pm, ends 13 Feb. £9.50-£15.50, concs available

UNTIL LAST year's album Up appeared, a question mark hung over the future of REM (right) and it

certainly seems as if Michael Stipe is now leading the

band in a new direction. Having campaigned vigorously on behalf of Tibetan monks and done some production

work on Velvet Goldmine, it may be that Stipe is tiring of rock stardom. But whatever the future holds, fans

are sure to flock to this summer's gigs to hear the full

Earl's Court, London SW5 (0870 9039033) 23-24 Jun; Manchester Evening News Arena (0161-930 8000) 17 Jul

SCOTTISH AUTHOR Irvine Welsh brings stomach-

churning action to a stage-frightened audience with

You'll Have Had Your Hole. Directed by Ian Brown,

the play is set in an abandoned recording studio and

centres around the kidnap of a small-time gangster,

and includes drug-taking, torture and, of course

passion. Gratifitous or provocative; the critics may be

divided, but Welsh has enough sparkle in his writing

and a sufficient cult following to ensure success.

repertoire of hits from this blockbuster indie band.

THEATRE ROYAL Macbeth Ruffer Sewell stars in Shaliespeare's great-est tragedy. Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, ends 13 Feb. £10-£23.50 Sawclose (01225-448844) BRISTOL

CAMBRIDGE ORAMA CENTRE Play-boy Playboy explores our fear of loneliness, the seductive pull of vi-olence and the act of storytelling as a strategy for survival. Tonight 8pm, ends 13 Feb. £7.50, concs £5 Covent Garden (01223-322748)

THEATRE

BASINGSTOKE

First Call

CHELMSFORD CIVIC THEATRE Peril at End House Agama Christie's tantalising mystery for Hercules Point. Tue-Thur, 7.30pm, Fri & Sat, 8pm, ends 20 Feb, £9-£10.50, concs available

CHIPPING NORTON CHIPPING NORTON THEATRE Electra Kenneth McLeish's haunt-ing and poetic translation of Sophocles' stury of torrid family conflict. Tonight 8pm. £8.75, concs £7 Spring Street (01608-642350)

MILFORD HAVEN TORCH THEATRE The Woman in Black Chilling story with a twist. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 20 Feb. £8, concs £5 St Peters Road (01646-695267] Milford Haven

CORN EXCHANGE On the Razzle Tom Stoppard's farce is set in 1850s Vienna. Tonight 7,4Spm. £10, concs £8 Market Place (01635-522733)

WATERMILL THEATRE More Talking Heads Janet Brown, Patricia England and Sophie Lawrence bring Alan Bennett's superb monologues to life. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur & Sat 2.30pm, ends 13 Mar. £6-£16.50 Bagnor (01635-46044)

NORTHAMPTON ROYAL THEATRE Dombey and Son Michael Napier Brown's adap-tation of Dickens' novel. Mon-Sat Spm. ends 6 Mar. £4-£14.50 Gulidhall Road (01604-632 S33)

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE Making Noise Culetty Robert Holman's se ries of short pieces depicting encounters between strangers in the shadow of war. Tonight 8pm, ends 13 Feb. £6-£13 Beaumont Street

KEY THEATRE Abigail's Party Steven Pinder (Brookside's Max Farnham) stars in Mike Leigh's comedy Mon-Thur 7.30pm, Frl & Sal 8pm, mat Thur 2.30pm, ends 13 Feb. £9-£11.50, concs available Embankment Road (01733-552439)

SALISBURY SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE Blithe Spirit Noel Coward's comedy about a man haunted by the spirit of his dead wife. Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thur-Sat 8pm, ends 13 Feb. £9-£15 Malt-house Lane (01722-320333)

SOUTHAMPTON NUFFIELD THEATRE Earth and Sky Thriller about a librarian who thinks the knows her boyfriend well - until there is a murder Mon-Thur 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, ends 27 Feb. £5.95-£12.50, concs available University Road (01703-671771)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE
The Llon, the Witch and the
Wardrobe Adrian Noble directs Adrian Mitchell's adaptation of the CS
Lewis Namia classic, Tonight 7.15pm. ends 27 Feb. £5-£30

SWAN THEATRE Troilus and Cres sida Shakespeare's depiction of the human spirit undermined by bloody warfare. Tonight 7.30pm. ends 20 Feb. £5-£30 Waterside (01789-

PALACE THEATRE Darkness Falls Double bill of drama from Josethan Holloway, Mon-Thur 7.4Spm, Fri & Sat 8pm, ends 20 Feb. £4-£1S.75 ndon Road (01923-225671)

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA CLIFFS PAVILION Popcorn Emma Noble stars in Ben Elton's satire on cinema violence. Tonight 8pm, ends 13 Feb. £13.50-£22.50 Station Road (01702-3S1135)

PALACE THEATRE CENTRE Women on the Verge of HRT Two fortysomething women discuss their situation in life. Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 20 Feb. £5.50-£14.50, concs ava able London Road (01702-342564) WORING
NEW VICTORIA THEATRE The Gin
Game Frith Banbury directs Joss
Ackland and Dorothy Tutin in this
sensitive and furmy drama based
around a lengthy game of Gin Rummy, Mon-Sat Bom, mat Wed 2.30pm,
ends 13 Feb. £6-£16, concs avail-

able Peacocks Arts & Entertainment Centre (01483-761144)

WOLVERHAMPTON WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY Disasters of War: Callot, Goya, Dix Selections from three artists' war etchings, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, ends 20 Mar, free. Lichfield Street (01902CLASSICAL

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

MUSEUM OF COSTUME Primith Streak: Helen Storey and Dr Kate Storey Collaboration between a fashion designer and a biologist. Mon-Sun 10am-5pm, ends 11 Apr. £3.90, concs £3.50, child £2.90, group concs. Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street (01225-477789)

EXHIBITIONS

ARNOLFINI Accelerator Work by an international group of contempo-rary artists, including Hilary Lloyd, Alto Sasao and Suzy Spence. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 28 Mar, free. Narrow Quay (0117-

2pm-5pm, ends 20 Mar, free. Stock-well House. Bruton High Street (01749-812205)

CAMBRIDGE woodcuts and screenprints. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15pm-Spm, ends

LONDON designed by celebrities mark the 40th anniversary of the vehicle, Opens Feb 9, Ends 9 May, museum). Modern Britain 1927-1939 A study on the important period after the Great War including the work of Francis Bacon, Paul Nash and Barbara Hepworth, Mon-Sun 11.30am-6pm, ends 18 Jul. £5.25, concs £4 (to museum). Shad Thames, SE1 (0171-378 6055) & Tower Hill.

HAYWARO GALLERY Patrick Cauffield More than 50 colourful paintings by the leading British artist. Mon, Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Tue & Wed 10am-8pm, ends 11 Apr. £6, concs £4, Family £12. Belvedere Road, SE1

NATIONAL GALLERY In the Light of Fra Angelico: Zanobi Strozzi Study exhibition exploring the paintings of the 15th-century artist. Ends 7 Mar. Portraits by Ingres Major exhibition of paintings and drawings by the 19th-century French artist. Mon. Tue. Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Wed 10am-10pm, ends 25 Apr. £6, concs £4, Wed £4 7pm-10pm. Trafalgar square, WC2 (0171-747 2885) & Charing Cross, Leicester Square.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Monet in the 20th Century Eighty paintings made in the 26 years after 1900. Mon-Thur, Sun 9am-6pm, Fri

TATE GALLERY Turner in the Ains Works on paper made on Turner's first Alpine trip in 1802, Ends 14 Feb. in Celebration: The Art of the Country House Paintings and sculp-ture, including work by Canaletto, Stubbs and Holbein, Mon-Sun 10 arti-S.50pm, ends 28 Feb. free. Millbank, SW1 (0171-887 8000) ⊕ Pimlico.

ings Recent acquisitions alongside familiar drawings. Ends 28 Feb. The Painterly Brush Oil sketches nont Street (01865-278000)

ST ALBANS MUSEUM OF ST ALBANS The Peo-ple's Art Folk art, including textiles, teapots and flying wooden ducks. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5om, ends 9 May, free. Hatfield Road

GLYNN VIVIAN ART GALLERY Venice Through Canaletto's Eyes Twenty-three paintings and drawings by the Venetian artist. Tue-Sun 10amorn, ends 14 Mar, free, Alex Road (01792-651738/655006)

CARDIFE

BRUTON GALLERY Forming the Figure Including works by Rodin and Henry Moore. Mon-Fri 10am-1pm &

FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM The Society of Three: Whistler, Fantin-La-tour and Alphonse Legros Exhibition of drawing and units examining the common stylistic ground of the three artists. Ends 14 Feb. Picasso and Matisse Prints, drawings and ceramics from the muse-um's collection. Ends 11 Apr. Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary American Prints Early etchings of the East Coast, lithographs,

2 May, free, Trumpington Street (01223-332900) DESIGN MUSEUM Mini: Forty Years of a Design Icon Mini's designed by celebrities mark the

(0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo.

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& Sat 9am-10pm, ends 18 Apr. £9, concs £6, child (12-18) £3, child (8-11) £1.50. Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-300 8000/cc 413 1717) � Green Park.

OXFORD ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Chinese Silks Brightly coloured 18th and 19th century hangings, Ends 28 Feb. Nineteenth Century French Drawn-Teach Report requisitions plantistics.

dating from the 16th to the early 20th century. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2pm-4pm, ends 21 Mar, free, Beau-

ST IVES ST IVES TATE GALLERY Displays 1998-9: Partnerships and Practice Paintings and ceramics from the second half of the century, plus a se-

lection of contemporary work.

Quoit Montserrat: Veronica Ryan
Marble sculpture linking St Ives with Montserrat in the West Indies. the artist's birthplace. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 11 Apr. £3.50, concs £2. Porthmeor Beach (01736-796226)

CARDIFF ST DAMD'S HALL BBC National Or-chestra of Wales/Wigglesworth Beethoven's Emperor Concerto and 9hostakovich's last Symphony. Ionight 7.30pm, £10.50. The Hayes (01222-878444)

LONDON OUBEN ELIZABETH HALL Larry Artier 85th Birthday Celebration Con-cert. Tonight 7.45pm. £12.50-£25. concs £10.50. South Bank Centre, S£1 (0171-960 4242) BR/⊕ Waterloo.

WIGMORE HALL, fill Gomez The so-Wishward Hall. All Gomes The so-prano airs settings from the Napoleonic eta. Toright 7.30pm. £8-£18. Wigmore Street. W1 (0171-93S 2141) & Bond Street.

OPERA

LONDON COLISEUM La Traviata terdi's great Realist tragedy in English National Opera's acclaimed staging. Tonight 7.30pm. £5-£55, St. Martin's Lane, WCZ (0171-632 8300) & Leicester Square.

SPITALFIELDS MARKET OPERA The Dialogue of the Carmelites Trinity College of Music production of Poulenc's only full-length opera. Tonight 7,30pm. £5-£9, Lamb Street, £1 (0171-377 1362)

DANCE

CANTERBURY PENNY THEATRE Flamenco Express Passionate modern Flamen-co. Tonight 8pm, £8.50. Northgate (01227-470512)

SADLER'S WELLS AT THE PEA-COCK THEATRE Paco Pena Fla-menco Presents La Musa Gitana World class flamenco. Tue-Sat 8pm, mat Sat. Sun 3pm, ends 7 Mar. £7.50-£27.50. Portugal Street, WC2 (0171-863 8222) ⊕ Holborn.

SADLER'S WELLS Birmingham Royal Ballet: The Prospect Before Us/The Protecting Vell/In The Upper Room The works of choreogra-phers Dame Ninette de Valois, David Bintley and the Olivier award winner Twyla Tharp's In The Upper Room, danced to a score by Philip Glass. Tonight 7.30pm. £7.50-£42.50. Rosebery Avenue. £C1 (0171-863

CAMBRIDGE AUTHOR EVENT - STEVEN PINKER: HOW THE MINO WORKS Meet the popular science author Dil-Ions the Bookstore Sidney Street (01223-351688) Tonight, phone

HIGH WYCOMBE METROLAND POETS: LES MURRAY eading contemporary poet. Wycombe wan St. Mary's Street (01494-512000) Tonight 7,30pm, £7.

ME, MYSELF AND 1 New biography and autobiography discussion group begins by discussing Victor Bockris's biography of Patti Smith. Borders Ox-ford Street W1 (0171-287 1592) & Oxford Circus. Tonight 7pm. free.

COMEDY

FRIDAY NIGHT UP THE CREEK Geoff Boyz, Nobby Shanks, Oave Dave, MC Roger Monkhouse. Tonight 8pm, Creek Road, SE10 (0181-858 4581)

BACKYARD COMEDY CLUB Man-cunian gagster Tony Burgess, TVs Fall Guy Danny Brown, Dominic Holland, MC Lee Hurst. Tonight 8.30pm, Cambridge Heath Road, E2 (0171-739 3122) & Bethnal Green, £10, concs £7. £10, concs £7. NORWICH TOMMY TIERNAN ANO JASON BYRNE AT NORWICH ARTS CEN-TRE Irish comedy double bill. Tonight 8pm. Reeves Yard, St Benedict's Street (01603-660352) £8, concs £6.

CLUBS

BRIGHTON BRUTIQUE AT THE BEACH Bent-ley Rhythm Ace, Mental Box and Wildstyle Bob Nimble. Tonight 10pm-3am, £7,50, concs £6,50. Kings Road Arches (01273-722272)

FRISKY AT THE MINISTRY OF SOUND Paul Oakenfold, Pete Tong, Jon Pleased Wimmin and Oave INSPIRATION INFORMATION AT

THE NOTTING HILL ARTS CLUB
Patrick Forge spins soul, jazz,
drum bass and Latin-disco. Tonight
5pm-1am. Notting Hill Gate. W1
(0171-460 4459) & Notting Hill
Gate. £5. mems £3, free before 8pm.

EVENTS

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BRIGHTON AND HOVE CAMERA
CLUB EXHIBITION Second annual
abilities of this acclaimed croup. exhibition of this acclaimed group. Gardner Arts Centre University of Sussex. Lowes Road (01273-685861) Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, ends

LONDON
JEWISH ARTS FOCUS A wide range of arts events drawn from Jewish culorars events orawn non Jewish cur-ture, with theatre, music and come-dy. The Bull Theatre Gallery Studios High Street (0191-449-0048) & High Barnet. Ends 14 Feb. phone for

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ART ANO ANIMATION Week long celebration of the relationship be-tween art and animation, with screentween art and animatant, whit screenings of contemporary and classic animation, debates and appearances by major animators. ICA Cinema The Mali SWI (0171-930 3647) & Charing Cross. Ends 18 Feb., phone for details for details.

SAFFRON WALDEN
FEASTING AND FASTING EXHIBITION Examining food and drink
through history. Saffron Walden
Market Street (01/799-Museum Museum Street (01799-S10333) Mon-Sat 10am-Spm. Sun 2.30pm-Spm, ends 14 Mar, £1, concs 50p, child free

MUSIC

BRENTWOOD SOLID SILVER SIXTIES SHOW Peter Noone, Freddie and The Dreamers, Billy J Kramer and Brian Poole. Brentwood Centre Doddinghurst Road (01277-262616) Tonight 9pm. £12.50-£15.50.

LEVELLERS The seminal counterculture folk-rock heroes, still playing the hits on their One Way Of Life tour, Brixton Academy Stockwell Road SW9 (0171-771 2000) O/BR; Brixton. Tonight 7.30pm, £12.50.

KATE LISSAUER Virtuoso performer

of American traditional and mountain music. Court Sessions Folk Club,

The Grove Oldridge Road, Balham 5W12 (0181-767 4185) Tube/BR:

8pm, mems only. WiLBY Dynamic indie-pop outfit fronted by singer/songwriter Rosie Wilby. Sound Republic Wardour Street W1 (0171-413 1423) +

Tonight 8pm, phone for prices. NORWICH HAUTBOY Indie-rock outfit from Stamford. Fat Pauly's Edward Street (01603-441044) Tonight 8.30pm,

INOIAN ROPEMAN, SPACE RAIOERS Skint Records night fea-turing fast-rising talent from the groundbreaking big beat label. The Waterfront King Street (01603-632717) Yonight 9pm. £5.50.

PORTSMOUTH SUZI QUATRO, ALVIN STARDUST, THE RUBETTES Marathon triple-header 1970s nostalgia tour. The Guildhali Guildhall Square (01705-824355) Tonight 7.30pm, phone for

MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

LONDON SWEDISH JAZZ GALA Clarinettist Putte Wiekman and friends con-clude the 9wedish Jazz Festival. Barbican Hall Barbican Centre EC2

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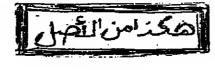
DOKY Fiery modal guitar and bass-led trio. Pizza Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722) & Tottenham Court Road. Feb 10-14. 9pm. £15 (Fri-Sat), £20 (Sun). VIKTORIA TOLSTOY QUARTET Standards to soul vocalist featuring hotly tipped pianist Jan Lundgren. Pizza on the Park Knightsbridge SWI (0171-235 5273) ⊕ Hyde Park Corner. Feb 9-13, 9,15pm &

11.15pm, 18, actv £16. LARRY ADLER Veteran harmonica player revitalises Gershwin. Queen Elizabeth Hall South Bank Centre SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Wa-terioo. Tonight 7.45pm, £12.50-£25. FLORA PURIM/AIRTO MOREIRA, ARNE DOMNERUS Brazilian fusion

Arket DOMNIERUS Brazilian fusion institution, support set from leading Swedish saxman. Ronnie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) & Leicester Square. Feb 8-13, 9.30pm. £20, mems £8 (Fri-Sat). GILAD ATZMON QUARTET Fluid saxophonist launching new CD, Take It or Leave It. Vortex Stoke New-ington Church Street N16 (0171-254 6516) BR: Stoke Newington, Tonight

ACKER BILK AND THE PARA-MOUNT JAZZ BAND The original Stranger on the Shore. The Stables Stockwell Lane, Wavendon (01908-583928) Tonight 8.15pm. £10-£18.50.

MILTON KEYNES



MONDAY RADIO

RADIO 1 (97.6-99.8MHz FM) 6.30 Zoe Ball, 9.00 Mark Goodier. 12.00 Kevin Greening. 2.00 Mark Raddiffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce. 8.00 Lamacq Live. 12.00 The Breezeblock. 2.00 Clive Warren. 4.00 . 6.30 Scott Miles.

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RADIO 2 (88-90.2MHz FM) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Richard Littlejohn. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 Johnnie Walker. 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton. 8.00 Big Band Legends Live. 8.30 Jools Holland. 9.30 Mark Lamarr: Shake, Rattle and Roil. 10.30 Richard Allinson. 12.00 Katrina Leskanich, 3.00 -

4.00 Alex Lester.

RADIO 3 (902-924MHz FM) 6.00 On Air. 6.00 Masterworks. 10.30 Artist of tha Week. **1L00** Sound Stories. 12.00 Composer of the Week: Antonin Dvorak. 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. The seventh of 12 piano recitals live from the Wigmore Hall, London, is given by prize-winning British pi-anist Leon McCawley, whose programme includes a beautiful middle-period sonata by Scriabin, a composer who drew much early in-

spiration from Chopin, Mozart: Plano Sonata in E flat, K282. Chcpin: Four Impromptus: in A flat, Op 29; in F sharp. Op 36; in G flat, Op 51; in C sharp minor, Op 66 (Fantaisie-Impromotul. Scriabin: Five Preludes. On 16, Piano Sonata No 4 in F sharp 2.00 The BBC Orchestras. 4.00 Opera in Action. 4.45 Music Machine. (R) **5.00** In Tune. 7.30 Performance on 3. Conductor

Ingo Metzmacher, Peter Donohoa (piano). The final concert in the Royal Northern College of Music's weeklong Henze Festival, given last November in the presence of the composer, Beethoven: Symphony No 7 in A. Henze: Piano Concerto No 1 (first UK performance); Symphony No 8.

8.55 Postscript. Each night this (week, Peggy Reynolds unravels the dramatic, musical and emotional impact of a favourite operatic aria. Tonight, 'Abscheulicher' from

New Adventure (1996) (25486). 7.00

Smokey and the Bandit (1977) (31196).

Every Nine Seconds (1997) (9891871).

3.40 The First Deadly Sin (1980) (358871). 5.35 - 7:10 Smokey and the

4.00 Sherlock Holmes in Washington

The Last Hard Men (1976) (7854316).

bound (1945) (3895245). 5.30 Close.

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(1944) (66325202). 9.40 The Sapphire

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(5948055), 3.40 - 6.00 Twelve Monkeys

4.00 Rex Hunt Specials (3420689). 4.30 Walker's World (3419573). 5.00 Wheel

Nuts (4576047), 5.30 Treasure Hunters (3400825), 6.00 Animal Doctor

(3407738). 6.30 Keiko's Story: the Real

Life Story of Free Willy (8235486). 7.30

Street (1994) (4953554). 12.00 Bullets Pover Broadway (1994) (3031852). See Pick of the Day. 1.40 Parither (1995) .

(1943) (4268912). **5.30** Hollywood Hall of Fame (3225047). See Pick of the Day.

6.00 Romanoff & Juliet (1961) (1982641). 8.00 Spelibound (1945) (1994486). 10.00

11.40 Blume in Love (1973) (7271738). 1.35 Cuintet (1979) (5027185). 3.35 Spell-

Bandit (1977) (15838500).

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(1995) (44655968).

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9.00 The McPherson Tape (1997) (57496).

11.00 Kiss of a Stranger (1997) (130318).

12,35 Lethal Tender (1996) (110210). 2:10

SKY PREMIER

PICK OF THE DAY

STEPHEN KUUSISTO was born Kirsty Wark hears about babies' and suffered permanent visual impairment, but there isn't any self-pity in Planet of the Blind (9.45am R4FIVD, a serialisation of have been most damaging was his mother's attitude of denial. Two other programmes today examine child development. In Tuning into Children (11am R4).

Beethoven's revolutionary rescue

opera 'Fidelio'. Mark Elder, Kathryn

Harries, Graham Vick and Annabel

Arden explore the composer's path

to understanding humanity through his cross-dressed heroina in her mo-

9.25 Mitzi Meyerson. The second of

two short recitals by the American harpsichordist. J C F Fischer: Suite

in E minor (Erato). Buxtshude: Suite

in E minor. Bohm: Suite in F minor,

10.00 Voices. My Kind of Song'. Sir

Richard Eyre, former director of the

Royal National Theatre, talks to lain

Burnside about tha songs that have

a particular meaning or resonance

for him. See Pick of the Day. 10.45 Mixing It. Mark Russell and

of musical styles and influences.

12.00 Composer of the Week:

100 - 6.00 Through the Night.

Georg Philipp Telemann. (R)

6.00 Today. 8.00 NEWS; Start the Week.

10.00 NEWS: Woman's Hour.

11.00 NEWS; Tuning into Children,

9.45 Planet of the Blind. See Pick of

11.30 Jazz Notes.

(92.4-94.6MHz FM)

See Pick of the Day.

12.57 Weather.

1.30 Counterpoint.

11.30 Bangers and Mash.

100 The World at One.

2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.

RADIO 4

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Robert Sandali present a unique mix

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three months premature in 1955 need for "human companionship". while Analysis (8.30pm R4) asks "Do Parents Matter?" Formative experience of the day, though, must be that described by Sir his autobiography. What seems to Richard Eyre (right) in Voices (10pm R3). Singing Verdi's Requiem as a boy was, apparently, even better than his first sexual experience. DOMINIC CAVENDISH

3.00 NEWS; Money Box Live: 0870 3.30 Science in the Attic. (R) 3.45 This Sceptred Isla. (R)
4.00 NEWS; The Food Programme. 4.30 Turning World. 5.00 PM. 5.57 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News.

6.30 Just a Minute. 7.00 NEWS; Tha Archers. 7:15 Front Row. Mark Lawson chairs the arts programme, and meets the acclaimed Scottish crime writer lan Rankin.

7.45 The Cry of tha Bittern. An environmental drama by Tim Jackson. Laura applies for a job in Norfolk and explores her relationship with her fiance Dean. With Rachel Atkins, lan Papperell, Kelly Hunter and Sean Baker. Director Peter Leslie Wild. 8.00 NEWS; Two Flies on the Wall. 8.30 Analysis. 'Do Parents Matter'? The Government wants parents to take more responsibility for their children's behaviour. But recent research suggests a child's personality is shaped most by genetics and the influence of other youngsters. So what difference does good parenting make? Presented by Frances Caimcross, Sea Pick of the Day. 9.00 NEWS; Nature. 9.30 Start the Week, Jeremy Pax-

man and his guests set the cultural agenda for the week. 10.00 The World Tonight, With Robin Lustig. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Post Captain. Patrick Malahide reads Patrick O'Brien's novel following the fortunes 2.15 Afternoon Play: Praying Hands. of Captain Jack Aubrey and his

friend Dr Stephen Maturin in the Royal Navy of Nelson's time. It is 1802 and with peace declared, Aubrey's trade vanishes at a stroke. Meanwhile, Maturin's career blossoms as an Admiralty spy (1/10).

11.00 Radio 4 Appeal Lord Ashley of Stoke speaks on behalf of The Disability Law Service, a charity which offers free legal advice and representation to people with disabil-11.02 Fear on 4: The Blood of Eva.

Bergen. 11.30 Airs of England. 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Book: All Points North (R) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News.

5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today. RADIO 4 LW

(196kHz)
9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00
12.04 News; Shipping Forecast.
5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast. 11.30 - 12.00 Today in Parliament. **RADIO 5 LIVE** (693, 909kHz MW)

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra 7-30 A Perfect Match, A romantic look at football and relationships, which collects the thoughts and

hopes of lovers whose eyes met over the pies or who planned their weddings on supporters' coaches, and poses questions such as: why is it easier to divorce your wife than your football club? With Karren

6.00 Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Trevor Brooking and his guests explore the new phenomenon of stress among highly paid footballers. 10.00 Late Night Live. Nick Robin-

son sets tomorrow's agenda today. including at 10:30 a full round-up of tha day's sport, and at 1100 a late news briefing. 1.00 Up All Night.

5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. CLASSIC FM (100.0-101.9MHz FM)

6.00 Nick Bailey, 8.00 Henry Kelly, 12.00 Requests, 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert Mozart Trio in E flat, K498. Karl Leiser (violin), Wolfram Christ (viola), James Levine (piano). Mozart: Divertimento in D. K251 (Nannerl). Gerhart Hetzel (vioin) and friends. Mozart: Flute Quartet in C, K285. William Bennett (flute). Grumiaux Trio. Mozart: Clarinet Quintet in A. K581. Gervase de Peye (clarinet), Amedeus Quartet, 11.00 Michael Mappin. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths

VIRGEN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105.8MHz FM) 6.30 Breakfast Show with Danny Baker. 9.30 Russ Williams. 1.00 Nick Abbot, 4.00 Harriet Scott, 7.30 Pete & Geoff, 10.00 Mark Forrest. 100 James Merritt, 4.30 - 6.30 Richard Allen.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO (198kHz LW) 1.00 The World Today. 1.30 Westway. 145 Record News. 2.00 The World Today, 2.30 The Next Big Thing. 3.00 The World Today. 3.20 Sports Roundup, 3.30 World Business Report, 3.45 Insight, 4.00 •

7.00 The World Today (4.00-700). TALK RADIO 6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David Banks & Nick Ferrart. 9.00 Scott Chisholm. 100 Anna Raeburn. 4.00 Peter Deeley. 5.00 Tha SportZone, 8.00 James Whale. 1.00 · 6.00 lan Collins.

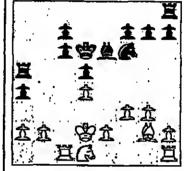
INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS JON SPEELMAN

LEAVING LONDON a fortnight ago for Calcutta where I now am, I happened to buy a comb in the departure lounge - an action which those who know me might consider slightly unusual, but which is hardly a felony. In paying for the thing, though, I slapped down my boarding pass and promptly forgot it; so that when, an hour and half later, and not having been Tannoyed, I went to the gate, I might, faced with a particularly obdurate bureau-

cracy have had serious problems. Fortunately I retrieved it, and here I am. But this trivial incident set me thinking about analogous episodes in chess games. The obvious example is the pawn advance (which cannot be undone even by retracing your steps through a transit area), which later proves fatal.

ideally, I wanted to find a game where White played the apparently harmless a2-a3 at an early stage and was then dispatched in the endgame, ultimately by a black king arriving at b3. But in the example which I thought of, it turned out that a3 was a late concession when White was already in disarray:



White: Walter Browne Black: Vassily Smyslov Las Palmas Interzonal 1982

Once the king got in, it was all over 18 ...c5 19 dxc5+ Rxc5 20 Rxe5 Kxe5 21 Ne3 Kb4 22 Re1 e5 23 e3 d4 24 exd4 cxd4 25 a3+ Kb3 26 Nd1 Bc4 27 Nf2 Nd5 28 Ne4 Ne3 29 Ne5+ Ka2 30 Bh3 Bb3 31 Bd7 Nc4+ 32 Kd3 0-1

At the end, Browne, who is a notorious time trouble addict, lost on time. But after 32 ... Ne5+ it is simple, since if 33 Kxd4 Nxd7 34 Nxd7 Rd8 35 Rc7 Be6.

The following classic game features several weakening advances. including one in the notes. Nowadays, Black usually plays 6 ...dxc4 7 Bxc4 b5 8 Bd3 a6 9 e4 c5 to hit at White's centres in the opening, or, if he wants to play the ... Bd6 system, first 6 ... Bb4 after the weakening 7 a3 theo Bd6. The point is that if in the game 10 ...e5 11 dxe5 Nxe5 12 Nxe5 Bxe5 13 Bxh7+ Kxh7 14 Qh5+ Kg8 15 Qxe5 wins a fairly good pawn: hut with the extra a3 in, 16 ...Qd3 (not 15... in view of the extra move)

more or less equalises. 11 ...h6?! started Black's slide and 14 ... g6? compounded the error. Instead 14 ...Re8 would defend preparing 15 d5? cxd5 t6 Bxf6 Oxf6 17 Qh7+ Kf8. At the end 20 .. Rxf7 21 Qxg6 is mate.

White: José Raul Capablanca Black: Charles Jaffe New York 1910

Queen's Gambit Meran 1 d4 d5 11 Bc2 h6? 2 Nf3 Nf6 12 b3 b6 3 e3 c6 13 Qd3 g6? 4 c4 e6 14 Qd3 g6? 5 Nc3 Nbd7 15 Rael Nh5? 6 Rd3 Rd6 16 Bc1 Kg7 70-00-0 17 Rxe6! Nf6 8 e4 dxe4 18 Ne5 c5 9 Nxe4 Nxe4 19 Bxh6+! Kxh6

20 Nxf7+ 1-0

BRIDGE ALAN HIRON

10 Bxe4 Nf6

IT PROVED to be an expensive misjudgement when West made an unfortunate choice of discard while defending against South's slam on this deal. From his point of view it was complete guess hut - in a distinctly odd way - his partner could bave given him a nudge in the right direction.

South opened 1 no-trumps (15-17 points) and North raised quantitatively to 4 no-trumps. With a maximum South accepted the invitation and West led a passive nine of spades against Six no-trumps. Clearly South had a number of possibilities open to him - an even club break, a heart finesse, a possible end play or even some sort of squeeze. Rather than try to evaluate so many factors, declarer cashed three top spades, ending in hand, and simply finessed ♥ J. This lost to the queen but now East was in a little difficulty. To return either minor suit might prove costly, so he exited (he thought safely) with the ten of hearts. Declarer won on the table, played off the king and ace of diamonds, and followed by cashing

the 13th spade. problem. Had South started with safe discard, keeping the vital four hearts or four clubs? He guard in clubs.

North **♦**K 105 ♥AJ4 OK 1083 **#**A Q 9 West East **4987 ★**632 ₹9853 ♥Q 10 7 0Q6 OJ9752 **♣**J 10 6 2 South **◆**AQJ4 ♥K 62 ♦A4 **◆**K754

Game all; dealer South

guessed wrongly, parted with a club, and it was all over. As I suggested, East could have

saved the day. Suppose that, instead of the natural ten of hearts. he had played back the seven? You can see how this would have helped West - whether it was his partner or declarer who held the missing ten of hearts, his remaining low hearts could be of no conceivable Now it was West who had the value and so he would have had a

SATELLITE AND CABLE

PICK OF THE DAY

6.00 Angels in the Attic (1997) (74660). 8.00 Fly Away Home (1996) (30757). 10.00 Matilda (1996) (46467). 12.00 Angels in the Attic (1997) (24318). **2.00** All Dogs Go to Heaven II (1996) (19757): 3.30 BULLETS OVER BROADWAY Barry Norman's Film Night (7554). 4.00 (12mdn't FilmFour) features Fly Away Home (1996) (2370). 8.00 Metilda (1996) (90202). 8.00 The Lost World one of the few murders in the work of Woody Allen (Crimes and (1997) (39315221). 10.10 Chain Reaction (1996) (976912). 12.00 A Modern Affair Misdemeanours offers another). (1994) (340239). **1.35** Awakenings (1990) (844177). **3.35** - **6.00** Last Stand at This gives the film a dark hue and provides a nice contrast with Saber River (1997) (71200852). . the many laugh-out-loud funny SKY MOVIEMAX moments. In a role that Allen 7.00 Ferrimes Fatales (44660). 7.30 Movie Magic (5688202). 8.15 Action Heroes (8809680). 9.00 Dogmatic (1996) himself might have taken as a (23689), 11.00 Born Free: a New Adventure (1996) (78991). 1.00 Femmes Fatales (43931). 1.30 Movie Magic (9397660). 2.15 Action Heroes (2435370). 3.00 Dog-matic (1996) (31979). 5.00 Born Free: a

gangster's money to put on his play - on condition that he casts the hood's moll in a leading role.

Only the assassination of John F Kennedy has given rise to more conspiracy theories than the demise of Marilyn Monroe (right). Hollywood Hall of Fame (5.30pm Sky Cinema) examines the many suggestions - some younger man, John Cusack on the wilder shores of fantasyplays an idealistic playwright. that have been made about His standards are gradually the star's death.

JAMES RAMPTON



The Elegant Solution (3410202), 8.00 Nick's Quest (4565931), 8.30 Supernatur-al (4551738), 9.00 Chasers of Tornado Al-ley (6122405), 10.00 Andes (6125592), 11.00 Three Minutes to Impact (9607028), 12.00 Three Minutes to Impact (8121790). 1.00 Treasure Huntars (1934606). 1.30 Wheel Nuts (3727239). 2.00 Close. SKY ONE

compromised as he takes a

7.00 Count Duckula (59592). 7.30 The Chris Evens Breakfast Show (52221). 8.30 Grimmy (15009). 8.00 Earthworm Jim (39669). 9.30 Flash Gordon (66221). 16.00 Miracles and Other Wonders (34283). **11.00** Gulltyl (54047). **12.00** Jenny Jones (56844). **1.00** Mad about You (58863). **1.30** Jeopardy (36080). **2.00** Sally Jessy Rapheel (12573). **3.00** Jenny Jones (78592). **4.00** Guilty! (64399). **6.00** Star Trek: Voyager (6196). **5.00** Guilty! (8888). **6.30** Friends (4080). 7.00 The Simpsons (7825). 7.30 The Simpsons (3892). 8.00 Star Trek: 0eep Space Nins (7856). 9.00 First Wave (95757). 10.00 South Park (10554). 10.30 Sauthal (2000). Seinfeld (29202). 11.00 Friends (65028). 11.30 Star Trek (20863). 12.30 Commis (16784). 1.30 - 7.00 Long Play (7417210).

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(64660). 9.00 Racing News (91028). 9.30
Aerobics - Oz Style (35950). 10.00 The
Snow Show (46554). 10.30 Rugby
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Style (44430). 12.30 Wheel a Maximum SKY SPORTS 1 Style (44432). 12.30 What a Weekend

(13738). 1.00 FA Cup Football Newcastle United vs Blackburn Rovers (7515). 2.30 Spenish Football Atletico Madrid vs Espenyol (90844). 4.30 What a Wee (8325), **5.00** Max Power (4134), **6.00** Sky Sports Centre (9318), **6.30** What a Weekend (3370). 7.00 Football League Re-(31573). 8.00 Ford Monday Night Special (28009). 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (247863). 10.45 You're on Sky Sports (454844), 1LOO Football League Review (77912). 12.00 Sports Centre (7569974). 12.15 You're on Sky Sports (3336413). LOO Ford Monday Night Special (89559).

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Sports Centre (85897535). 3.15 Close. SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 International Cricket (92319573). 2.30 Motor Racing: NASCAR Winston Cup-Daytona (73597689). 5.00 The Snow Show (87056009), 5.30 Totalsport

(87825318), 6.00 Fish TV (87815931). 6.30 Fish TV (87806283), 7.00 World Motorsport (11192680), 10.00 Wonderful (92016009). 11.00-11.30 Golden Age of Racing A-Z of Motorsport (17303134).

EUROSPORT 7.30 Rally (72467), 8.00 Athletics 7.30 Haay (7245/) 8.00 America (68028), 8.00 Blathlon (69554), 10.00 Alpine Skiing (76509), 11.00 Raily (7405), 11.30 Luge (80979), 12.30 Luge (31134), 1.00 Tennis (251486), 4.00 Alpine Skiing 1.00 Tenns (251436), 4.00 Aprile Stang (25347), 5.00 Luge (2467), 5.30 Stock Car Racing (92863), 7.00 YOZ Mag (26841), 8.00 Trial (42689), 9.00 Boxing (22825), 10.00 Football (53370), 11.30 Tractor Pulling (84221), 12.30 Close.

UK GOLD 7.00 Crossroads (9690738). 7.30 Neighbours (4820825). 7.55 EastEnders (5942863), 8,30 The Bill (8925776), 8,00 The Bill (8916028), 9,30 When the Boat Comes in (4315365). 10.30 Rhoda (8905912). 11.00 Dalas (4988115). 11.55 Neighbours (78624738). 12.25 East-Enders (7591689). 1.00 Juliet Bravo (2319414). 2.00 Dallas (5629950). 2.55 The Bill (5148467). 3.25 The Bill (9531757). 3.55 EastEnders (8717318). 4.30 Rhoda (341931). 5.00 All Creatures Great and Small (4557912). 6.00 Dynasty (6719270). 7.00 2point4 Children (3069592). 7.40 Dad's Army (7283134). 8.20 The Detectives (6761641). 6.00 Casualty (54821950). 10.05 Harnish Mac-

beth (51416009). 11.10 Sports Anorak of the Year (7284660). 11.45 Bill (9166221). 12.15 The Bill (7968500), 12.45 Spender (3432719), 1.45 Ivanhoe (85501516), 3.00 - 7.00 Shopping (6292784). LIVING 8.00 Tiny and Crew (37707863), 6.20

Johnson and Friends (83614134). 6.30

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the Frog (84141047). **6.50** Polka Dot Shorts (84122912). **7.00** Practical Parent-ing (5881912). **7.05** Professor Bubble

(8422196). **7.30** Caillou (1870776). **7.3**5

Burn Alert (7676009), 7.55 Practical Par

enting (4112028). 8-00 Barney and Friends (4122405), 8.25 Babaloos (1637825), 8.30 Cailou (8908641), 8.35 Tiny and Crew (5271047), 8.59 Practical Parenting (7511486), 9.00 Can't Cook, Worth Cook (5959689), 9.30 The Roseanne Show - Highlights (3206028). 10.00 The Jerry Springer Show (5562592). 10.50 Maury Povich (7126844). 11.40 Brookside (68249863). 12.10 Animal Rescue (22482115), 12.40 Rescue 911 (98652554), 1.10 Special Ba bles (57043301). 1.40 Beyond Bellet: Factor Fiction (66353467). 2.10 LA Law (944)641), **340** Living Room (2534283). **4.00** Michael Cole (8545641), **4.50** Rolonda (8239793), 5.40 Ready, Steady, Cook (5146318), 6.15 Jerry Springer Show (3883863). 7.05 Rescue 911 (2213979). 7.35 Animal Rescue (2547554). 8.10 Maury Povich (4796467). 9.00 Film:

9.00 No Gurts, No Glory: 75 Years of Award Winners (92037592). 10.00 Casablanca (1942) (17380283). 12.00 The Best House in London (1968) (64569535). 1.45 Oirty Dingus Magee (1970) (21044622), 3.30 Village of the Damned (1980) (16825142), 5.00 Close.

Woman with a Past (1992) (1991399). 11.00 Sex Life (7847080). 12.00 Close

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Jenny (3405). 7.30 Grace under Fire (7196). 8.00 Ellen (9625). 8.30 Newsradio (1660), 9.00 Whose Line Is It Arryway? (25365). 9.30 Drop the Dead Donkey (24844). 10.00 Frasier (94973). 10.30 Cheers (98283). 11.00 Seinfeld (75850). 11.30 The Larry Sanders Show (33080) 12.00 Late Night with David Letterman (15910). 1.00 Taxi (87264). 1.30 The Critic (28055). 2.00 Dr Katz (96061). 2.30 Tibs and Fibs (19968). 3.00 Nightstand (94500). 3.30-4.00 Abbott & Costello (42068).

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Wales Today (888), 10.00 Labour of Love (78554) 10.30 Panorama (577912), 11.15
First The Babysitter's Seduction (472950), 12.40 First in Defense of a Married Man (671351), 2.15 BBC News 24 (52942516). BBC: WALES

ANGLIA
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News and Weather (842/399). 1.00
Shortland Street (9882202). 1.35 Home
and Away (25799009). 2.00 The Jerry
Springer Show (5767370). 3.20 Anglia
News and Weather (2658955). 6.00 Anglia News (737486). 6.50 Take it On
(543316). 10.30 Anglia News and Weath-

er (830405). 11.40 Renegade (659757). 12.30 Soundtrax (2288055). 12.40 Netionwide Football League Extra (2827852). 1.40 World Football (6148054). 2.40 Firm: The Pit and the Pendulum (6342149). 3.35 Trisha (6348154). 4.25 Ministers on MARCHIEN (9408158): **4.35** Nightscreen (94891018). **5.00** Coronation Street (22852).

CENTRAL As Carlton except: 12.20 Central News and Weather (8421399). 1.00 High Road (94641). 3.20 Central News (2658955). 5.10 Shortland Gireet (203893). 6.10 Home and Away (9112399). 6.00 Home and Away (786776). 6.25 Central News (623844). 10.30 Central News (830405), 10.40 Videotech (869776). 11.10 Nash Bridges (409554). 4.30 Jobinder (8970245). 5.20 Asian Eya (7250500).

HTV WALES As Carfton except 10.30 This Morning (11453738). 12.15 HTV News (7022487). 1.00 Shortland Street (7022457). 1.00 Shorbard Street (94641). 1.30 Home and Away (93298). 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (5767370). 3.20 HTV News (2658955). 5:10 Moneyspinners (912399). 8.00 Home and Away (786776). 6.25 Wales Tonight (823844). 10.30 HTV News (830405). 11.40 Midnight Caller (776883). 12.40 Nationwide Football League Extra (2827852). 1.40 World Fortball (6148054). 2.10 Film: The Pit and the Pendulum (6342149). 3.35 Tr-isha (9408158). 4.35 ITV Nightscreen (94991018). 5.00 Coronation St (22852).

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News (7022467), 12.27 Illuminations
(8439318), 1.00 High Road (94641), 3.20
Westcountry News (2658955), 6.00
Westcountry Live (12466), 10.30 Westcountry News (830405), 10.40
Videotech (859776), 11.10 Nash Bridges
(409554), 12.10 Short Story Cinema
(8814968), 12.40 Nationwide Football (6814968), 12.40 Nationwide Football League Extra (2827852), 1.40 World Football (6148054), 2.10 Film: The Pit and the Pendulum (6342149), 3.35 Trisha (9408158). 4.35 Nightscreen (94891018). 5.00 Coronation Street (22852).

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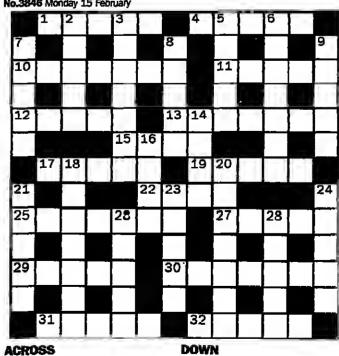
endar News (830405). **11.40** Wild on., the Strip (582196). **4.30** Jobfinder (60852).

TYNE TEES As Yorkshire except: 12.20 North East News and Weather (8421399). 3.20 North East News Headlines (2658955), 5.55 North East Weather (45776). 6.00 North East Tonight (12486). 10.30 North East News and Weather (830405).

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As Channel 4 except: 12.00 Right to Reply (2942486). 12.30 Sesame Street (38050573, 1.00 Planet Plant (34023979). 1.30 Classic Alcrest: (38059844). 2.00 Time Barn (79761405). 3.00 The Lost Gardens of Heilgen (64455950). 4.30 The Montel Williams Show (81963779). 5.00 Planed Plant (64444467). 5.30 Countdown (81954028). 8.00 Newyddion (54259950). 6.30 Hano (16132757). 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (64457931). 7.30 Newyddion (81964405). 8.00 Dudley (64473979). 8.30 Pwy df Pwy (64452486). 9.00 Y Byd ar Bedwar (40574080). 9.30 Sgorio (56882028). 10.35 Film: Blame it on Rio (13232196). 12.30 Rising Damp (42479784). 1.00 in Search of Law and Order (49598500). 2.00 Close.

CONCISE CROSSWORD



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13 Necessary (7) 15 Not up and about (4) 17 Wooden match (5) 19 Waste matter (5) 22 Knockout (coll.) (4) 25 Type of dog (7) 27 Legal defence (5) 29 Be pre-eminent (5) 30 Flightless bird (7) 31 Pier (5) 32 Mine entrances (5)

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TELEVISION REVIEW

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Children's BBC: Playdays (R) (S) (3018134). 3.45 The Littlest Pet Shop (R) (S) (2802318). 3.85 Bodger and Bedger (S) (T) (3042008). 4.10 Pocket Dragon Adventures (S) (T) (4922389). 4.20 Anthony Ant (S) (T) (6546009). 4.35 Misery Guts (S) (T) (5880398). 5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (2320487). 5.40 Blus Peter (S) (T) (8972008). agon Adventures T) (8546009). Newsround (S)

9.30 Regional News. (1) (888)

Tris is Your Life. Jackle from *Peddington* Green le reunited with her old music teacher and her friends in the vice squad... or something very like thet (S) (T) (1863).

7.30 Wstohdog Haalfhohaok. An investigation into blood pressure and how to prevent enoring ~ changing channel might halp (S) (T) (912).

EestEnders. It's Valentina's night (go with it, it's not real-life) and Matthew attempts to concaal the truth (S) (1) (7283).

8.30 Dad. Fathers and sons zzzitcom. The day of Briant heart bypass has finally arrived (S) (T) (8318).

9.00 News; Regional News; Waafhar (T) (8134)

Animal Police. Docu-soap about trainee RSPCA inspectors. The fiedglings have mixed fortunea in Wales Liverpool and Manchestar (S) (T) (22863).

10.00 [BIQID] Penorems. John Ware investigates whether New Labour is posing a threat to democracy. See Documentary of the Day, below (S) (T) (661047).

10.45 IIIM The Babysittar's gaduction (David Burton Morris 1996 US). Suspensatul malodrama about a murderar's attempts to take advantaga of a trusting babyetter's friendship (S) (T) (8590318). 12.10 IIII In Defanse of a Married Man (Joel Ollansky 1990 US/Can). Thriller about a criminel attorney forced to defend her husband when he la accused of

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9.00 Rad Dwart. Cult space comedy series for anoraks
 (R) (S) (T) (6776).

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IdO An A-Z of Engillah (1679134), \$.35 Simple
Baginnings? (1) (2996554), 7.00 The Family Ness (R)
(S) (3146564), 7.09 Children's BBC: Teletubbiee (R)
(S) (6064196), 7.30 Snorks (2924328), 7.30 Shra Pater
(S) (1) (6629283), B.20 Taz-Mania (S) (7935644), B.40
Polka Dot Shorts (S) (3914592), 8.50 Homusid the
Reindeer (R) (S) (3914592), 8.40 Space Ark (S)
(5934739), 9.10 Short Circuit (S) (4741669), 9.30 Writing
and Pictures (S) (1826134), B.45 Storytime (S) (1821639),
10.00 Teletubblea (R) (S) (60196), 10.30 Words and
Pictures (S) (2611263), 10.45 Cats: Eyea (S) (2816736),
11.00 Look and Read: The Legend of the Lost Keye (S)
(T) (4116509), 11.20 Zig Zag (S) (800115), 11.40
Pictures (S) (7) (4491641), 12.05 History File (S) (T)
(1732842), 12.30 Working Lunch (43711), 1.00 Romueld
the Reindeer (R) (94169221), 11.0 The Travel Hour (R) (S)
(9823283), 2.10 Sporting Graste (S) (6197992), 2.45 Match
of Their Day (S) (T) (2786912), 3.25 News; Regional (News; Weather (7608450), 3.30 Awash with Colour (S)
(134), 4.00 Kaye (S) (5199405), 4.26 Ready, Steady, Cook (S) (T) (6192592), 4.85 Eether (S) (T) (3438573),
5.30 Today's the Day (S) (405).

9.00 The Simpsons. Double-dose of the cynical cartoon, in "The Plow", Homer writes off his car in an accident and decides to buy a snow plough insissd, while in .: "Lisab First Word" at 6.25pm, Bart remembers how ; jealoue he was when Lisa was born (R) (S) (T) (7:8080).

9.45 Nit, Miss or Maybs. Live and Woking pop video ; leftovers with Zoé Ball (R) (S) (T) (936979).

7,00 The Leurence Olivier Awards 1889. Clive Anderson hosts the 23rd Leurence Olivier Awards honouring theatre's "foremost talenta" (S) (T) (577 (S) (T) (5776).

8.00 Raising the Roof. Paul Kenyon exposee bogus claims and pressure tactice in Britsin's home-improvement industry (S) (T) (5825).

Pood and Drink. Ken Horn-cooks for Chinese New Year, while the unfortunals Emma Crowhurat cooks for Morrie dancers' convention (S) (T) (7860). S.30 Carol Vorceyour hats aa Vorderman t

9.30 DIDITE The League of Gentleman. So farewell, then, Royston Vasey. Edward's local shop receives an unexpected visitor in the last of the series. Sae Comedy of the Day, below (S) (T) (20405).

Newanight. David Agronovitch presents (T) (515554). 10.30 London Tonight (T) (830405).

ather (T) (96950).

dgaa. Don Johnaon stars as tha San copper (T) (623912).

11.40 Vidaotech (R) (S) (584842). 12.40 Short Story Cinema (S) (6514966). 12.40 Nationwide Football League Extra (3380595). 1.45 World Football (R) (2839516).

2.15 THE The Pit and the Fandulum (Roger Corman 1961 US). Vincent Price plays an aristocrat who travels to a epooky castle to investigate his slater's death in a tremendous adaptation of the story by Edgar Allan box 208820681

Trieha (R) (S) (T) (23351). 4.30 ITV Nightscrean (60852). 5.30 ITN Morning News (52852). To 6am.

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5.40 Naws; W athar (T) (144047).

6.00 London Tonight. Regional news update for the capital and the South-East (7) (644).

S.30 London iridge (S) (196).

7.00 Wieh You Were Hara...? Anthaa Turner visite Ayera Rock and Lee Dennia takee to the waterways of Ireland on a boating holiday (S) (T) (6931).

7.30 Coronation Streat. The news about Roy and Hayley spreads (S) (T) (860).

8.00 Trauma Te of hie job into information of **Team.** Nursa Petar McGrane gats the results storview – regular viewers may find that of interest (S) (T) (2979).

9.00 Forgottan. Amanda Burton atare with Paul McGann in the first Instalment of a new three-part drama sariee centring around a bookshop owner's troubled past. Mr McGann le ha (S) (T) (8486). treatment (T) (1486).

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Farciosi comedy about a middle-aged man who has a filing with his best friend's teenaga deughter while on holiday in Rio de Janeiro. Viewers should be aware that it contains footage of Michael Caine locking lips with someone far too young for him – which is as good a reason not to watch it as any (487955).

Shooting Gallery (228028), 140 Dispatches (R) (T) (7353177), 1.40 Powerhouse (R) (8948038), 2.40 Right to Reply (R) (7703177), 2.40 The Client (R) (S) (3580210).

3.50 [I][M] The Courfneys of Curzon Street (Herbert Wilcox 1947 UK). Period drama following severel generations up to the Second World War (783528). To 5.40am.

12,00

Sasema Strast (93663), 12.30 Bewitched (R) (S) (T) (43739), 1.00 Pet Rescus (S) (T) (92283), 1.30 Travelog Trek (47822689),

(S) (T) (6845979), 7.30 Milkshakel (S) (7193973), 7.36 Wirnzle's House (H) (3090405), 8.00 Havakezoo (H) (S) (4873978), 8.30 Dappledown Ferm (H) (S) (4865950), 9.00 Was it Good for You? (H) (S) (486502), 8.30 Tha Opreh Winfrey Show (693664), 10.20 Sunset Bsach (S) (T) (1943134), 11.10 Leeza (S) (4352757), 12.00 5 News et Noon (S) (T) (4643738), 12.30 Femily Affairs (S) (T) (6837950), 1.30 The Boid and the Beautiful (S) (T) (6837950), 1.30 The Rosenns Show (S) (9867283), 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (5033912), 2.30 Good Afternoon (S) (1886592).

7.00 The Big Breakfast (99196) 9.00 The Bigger Breakfast: Saved by the Bell (R) (1) (80399) 9.30 Sam and Max (24221), 10.00 Earls, Indiana (86582), 10.30 Boy Meets World (79283), 11.00 Moesha (R) (1080), 11.30 Madison (8009).

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THE MONDAY REVIEW

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[0]:0163 Laughter in Paradisa (Mario Zampi 1951 UK). Vinlaga British humour with Joyce Grenfell and Alastair Sim, who are among the victims of a deceased relative's practical joke-ridden will. See Film of tha Day, below (54285196).

Childran's ITV: The Adventuree of Captain Pugwaeh (S) (3046825). **4.00** Oggy and the Cockroaches (S) (T) (3235776). **4.20** it's a Mystery (S) (T) (3211196). **4.45** Sabrina, the Tesnaga Witch (T) (5804979).

d Away (S) (T) (9112399).

darman's Batter Homes. Hold onto 9.00

Cutting Edge. Arty-farty, post-Ron Davies portrait of Clepham Common from the increasingly arratic documentary strand (T) (8028).

The filinging Trophy. Short film about e New Zealand hunter obsessed with his fantasy world of, er, "singing trophies" (19490142).

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(86/5806), **9.25** Trisha (S) (∏ (5349931), **10.30** rning (∏) (5607196), **12.20** Your Shout 9), **12.30** News; Weather (∏ (43757), **1.00** Today (∏ (84641), **1.30** The Jerry Springer 9) (∏ (15/6860), **2.18** Home and Away (S) (∏ **2.45** Date's Supermarket Sweep (S) (∏ **3.15** ITN Newe Headlines (∏ (8406432), **3.20** Today (∏ (2656955), **3.25** Cartoons (6003202)

5.30 **Pet Rascue.** A family of ewans are in disfreee af the HMS Sultan Naval basa in Portsmouth (T) (573). Collectors' Lot (202), 4,00 Filteen to Dne (T) (739), 4.30 Countdown (T) (5874738), 4.56 Montel Williame (T) (3421641).

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Sunset Baach. US comedy series. Seen saves Emily from a runawey truck, the fool (S) (T) (2849855).

3.30 Talkill Ch God! You Devil (Paul Bogart 1984 US).
Third part of a piod-along comic trilogy with Gaorge
Burns playing both God end the Devil in a tels of a
struggling musician in a Faustian pact (T) (9670554).

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Rosaanne. Christmae Eve goea pol/re-shapad chez Connor (FI) (B) (T) (466).

8.00 100 Per Gent. The game show without a host (S) (8290757).

6.30 Hollyoaks. Young Chester folk. The new lifeguard causes a epiash at the pool – boom, boom (1), (738).

Channal 4 News Weather. Including headings at 730pm (T) (553757).

7.00 S News, Including First on Five. National and International news (S) (T) (5044028).

6.30 Femily Affairs. "A terrified Cleirs lies bound and gaggad while the wedding commences" (S) (1) (6281008).

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Mislaysien Jungls. Examining the work of the Sepilok Rehabilitation Centrs, which prepares orphaned orang-utans for the wild (S) (T) (6203221).

7.50 Zoom. Fashion photographers turn documentary-municipal in the run-up to London Fashion Week (1) (945047).

Riddle of the Skies. Locke at the delims of Utologists – for that is how they are known – who contend that we have been visited by an extratemential civilization for thousands of years, plus the definitive UFO video recording (T) (9592). B.00 Instant Gardens. Jac Flower and Myles Matthews return to the garden in Swammore, Southampton for which they prepared a design last week (5) (T) (5053778).

9.30 Animal ER. A calf with a swollen eye, e cat with an infected womb and a dog that has been in a road accident – enjoy (S) (T) (6032283).

TVM prison of Secrets (Fred Carber 1986 US).

TVM prison drama concerning a woman (Stephsnia Zimbalist) who fights for decent conditions on behalt of herasif and her fellow inmatss after her wrongful conviction. To add to the pathos, she's a mother (S) (1) (44361028).

12.30 Live end Dengaroue (\$) (7338142), 140 Live and Dangerous (continued) (\$) (89889061), 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3056142), 5.20 Russell Grants Postcards (39785516), 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (\$) (9762988), To 8am. 10.40 Dr Fox's Chert Update (S) (5958370).

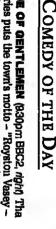
10.45 Tilly Criminal Hearts (Dave Payne 1985 US).
Fast-paced made fortelevision hitch-hiting thriller in which a litted woman and her dangsrous pick-me-up erspursued by the FBI (S) (47985592).

TELEVISION GUIDE BY PETER CONCHIE



LAUGHTER IN PARADISE (145pm C4, nght) Faced with schedules full of made-for-television nonsense, this classic Fifties British comedy saves the day. The terms of a rich eccentric's will provide the chuckles as each of his grasping relatives has to perform a forfeit in order to inherit. Alasteir Sim plays a henpecked thriller-writer (Joyce Grenfell does the pecking) who has to commit a crime that will earn him s 28-day jall sentence, while George Cole's timid bank clerk has to hold up his manager at gun-point. Sim is the real star, shining out from under an imposing comic structure. There





THE LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN (0.30pm BBC2, right) Tha last in the series puts the town's motto - "Royston Vasey - You'll Never Leave" - to the test as Thubs and Edward's long-lost son, David, turns up at the shop. The programma's various loose ends have been as entertaining as the main plot - such as the bizarre sausages storyline and tha woman clinging to the church roof - huf tha strain of filling six 30-minute episodes is beginning to tell. Tenight it's the demise of Pauline from the job-seekers' club, while Mr



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PANORAMA (10pm BBC1, right) Ken Livingstona would doubtissa have something to say on the subject of whether the Labour Party is evolving into an anti-democratic institution. As would former MP Dave Nellist, a left-winger who had a large majority in Coventry but was deselected by Labour in favour of a "party" man shortly before the last election. Tonight'a programme, "The People's Party" addresses similar concerns as reporter John Ware investigates whether prospective parliamentariaos who are tariaos who are r names on the

